

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN A. HOOPER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent John A. Hooper who passed away on January 17, 2007, at the Sequoias Portola Valley, California, at the age of 89. He was an extraordinary Californian and a public servant who devoted much of his career to serving his country.

Mr. Hooper was born in San Francisco in 1917, graduating from Thacher School in 1934 and from Stanford University in 1938 where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946. He married Trish Lowrey, the great love of his life, in 1943 and they had four children during their enduring marriage of 63 years.

Mr. Hooper was a distinguished attorney with the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro and practiced tax law for 10 years until he was asked by President Eisenhower to represent the U.S. Department of Defense in NATO. He also served under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson as Minister to the U.S. Mission to NATO. He was based in Paris with his wife and four children until 1967 and was honored with the Pentagon's Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his great work. His son, John C. Hooper, said: "All of Europe was emerging from World War II, and the United States was helping Europe to get back on its feet; that was a real high point of my parents' lives."

Upon their return to the United States, John, Trish and their family moved to the land his grandfather purchased, Mountain Home Ranch in Woodside where they lived until moving to the Sequoias. He devoted himself to working with charitable and community organizations, serving as president of Planned Parenthood of Northern California, as president of the Auxiliary of the University of California Hospital, and as president of the Board of Delegates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. He was a member of the Woodside Planning Commission for 7 years and served as its chair from 1979 to 1980. He was a member of the Pacific Union Club and president of the Cypress Lawn Cemetery Association.

I had the privilege of knowing John Hooper. He was an elegant, intelligent gentleman who was respected by his entire community. I benefited from his wise counsel and our country is better because of his patriotism and service. John Hooper was a national treasure and that's why Madam Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Trish Hooper and their children, John C. Hooper of Point Arena, Margo H. Blair of Chicago, Lawrence Hooper of Twisp, WA, and Helen McCloskey of Rumsey, CA.

REMEMBERING STATE SENATOR WILLIAM A. TRUBAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the passing of Virginia State Senator William A. Truban on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Senator Truban represented Virginia's 27th district in the Virginia General Assembly for over 20 years.

A veterinarian and father of six from Shenandoah County, Senator Truban was a leader in his community and dedicated his life to helping those in Winchester and the surrounding area. Inserted for the RECORD is the obituary published in the Winchester Star which details the many accomplishments of Senator Truban.

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FORMER STATE SEN. TRUBAN DIES

(By Suzanne E. Wilder)

WINCHESTER.—William A. Truban, a longtime Virginia state senator who represented Winchester and the surrounding region for more than two decades, died on Saturday.

The resident of Shenandoah County and retired veterinarian was 82.

Truban represented the state's 27th District—which then included Shenandoah, Frederick, Clarke, and Warren counties and the city of Winchester—from 1971 through his 1992 retirement from politics.

His family and friends are mourning the loss of a man who was well known in the Shenandoah Valley as "Senator Truban," "Doc," or—to his loved ones—"Pap," according to a statement from one of his sons, John W. Truban.

Born in 1924 in Garrett County, Md., Truban served during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army Air Force.

After his service, he attended West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he met his future wife, Mildred Hayes. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

John Truban, one of Truban's six children, said his parents selected Woodstock and the Shenandoah Valley for their home after visiting Winchester, where one of William Truban's sisters lived.

Truban became the only licensed veterinarian in Shenandoah County, John Truban said.

He worked all over the Valley and cared for animals from Woodstock to Haymarket to Stephens City. His veterinary practice, Shenandoah Animal Hospital, is still in business though Truban retired several years ago. His son, Thomas, continues to run the clinic.

In 1970, Truban was elected to the Virginia State Senate. He had been urged to run by several prominent Republicans, including then-Gov. A. Linwood Holton Jr.

"I met him when he was under a cow," Holton said in a telephone interview on Sunday. Their first phone conversation, Holton recalled, had been after someone informed him that Truban was caring for a sick cow.

Holton had heard that Truban would make "an excellent candidate for state Senate," he

said. "And he became a strong leader in the Senate."

"You need good people to represent the area. He was well known and well liked," said Warren B. French, a former chairman of the state Republican party who lives in Woodstock. "And he made a great senator."

"He'll be missed, but he made a valuable contribution in many ways to his community," said French, who is a former chairman at Shentel and knew Truban from the Woodstock United Methodist Church.

Many of the people who worked with him politically remember Truban as a person with "strong integrity," in Holton's words.

I. Clinton Miller served in the General Assembly for much of the time Truban was a state senator.

Miller represented Shenandoah County and Woodstock in the House of Delegates and was also a Republican. At the time, the GOP was in the minority in Virginia politics.

"We shared a lot of time on the road, and we shared a lot of discussions," Miller said.

Truban "was especially well-liked by both sides of the aisle," Miller said. "He was always concerned with whatever was best for Virginia."

John Truban said his father instilled the value of hard work in his children.

"He loved working," he said. "His hobby was working."

That diligent attitude likely came from growing up during the Great Depression, the son said. "His era, they had no safety net."

"I think what we all probably got from his is a sense of working hard and . . . trying to help others," John Truban said.

But that was not the only trait Truban passed to his kids. John Truban said his dad, who was Italian by blood, loved to cook and passed the same interest to his five sons and one daughter.

"My dad always would cook and help out in the kitchen," he said.

Truban had health problems in recent years, including congestive heart failure. He died as a result of those illnesses, John Truban said.

Truban is survived by his wife, six children, 25 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one brother. Truban's two sisters and a brother are deceased.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Woodstock United Methodist Church. Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Woodstock United Methodist Church, the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter.

IN RECOGNITION OF COACH TONY "MAC" McDONALD'S 600 CAREER VICTORIES

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Tony McDonald for his tremendous achievement of 600 career

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victories as head basketball coach at Central High School in Allentown, FL, located in my district in northwest Florida.

Coach Mac himself graduated in 1969 from Allentown School, one of three schools that would come to be known as Central High School. After graduating, he went on to honorably serve his country for 4 years in the United States Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base, not far from home. During his time in the service, Tony was able to come back to Allentown and watch the basketball games, developing a stronger desire to return and coach at the spirited school.

After the Air Force, Tony stayed in northwest Florida and attended the University of West Florida, graduating from there in 1977. It was shortly after this graduation that he returned to become the Junior Varsity Basketball coach at his alma mater of Allentown High School. A year later, he became head coach, a position he stayed with for three seasons. Tony left for rival Milton High School to serve as their head basketball coach for the following season.

Tony's heart was always with his alma mater, though, and soon enough he returned once again to Allentown School. By the time the 1985–86 basketball season kicked off with Coach at the helm, Allentown School had consolidated with Chumuckla School and Munson School, and the high school sections became Central High School, and under this name Tony would coach his students for the next 22 seasons, having a banner career in the process.

For six seasons during those early years at Central, Coach Mac was in charge of both the boys' and girls' teams, and was able to bring the girls' team their first winning season. Every day was another challenge to better his students, and many acknowledge how well he motivated them. What many rival schools noted was Coach Mac's ability to turn a small squad into a basketball powerhouse. While many other schools had teams of several more players, Central's smaller squads continued to play tireless games. While the energy that Coach Mac put into his players was a great factor, so was the energy they gave back to their dedicated coach. Coach's energy also carries into the classroom, where he teaches both geography and American history. It would be difficult to find someone more committed to helping students than Tony McDonald.

Reaching 500 career wins was a milestone in itself, so it was with even more excitement that Coach Mac reached his 600th career win on January 16, 2007. Given the devotion to his players on and off the court, it should not come as a big surprise. During his time as head coach, he has led the team to nine play-off appearances and five district championships. In fact, a sixth district championship this season is not out of the realm of possibility.

Coach McDonald has set a high standard in his dedication to his work and his devotion to his students. A benchmark has been established for many other high school coaches. Coaches serve as role models for students, and Coach Mac has without a doubt been a great role model for those that played for him. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is a great honor for me to congratulate Coach Tony "Mac" McDonald for over 20 years of dedication to his high school students and an amazing 600 career wins as head coach of Central High School.

IN MEMORY OF WALTER
SHERIDAN HARPOOL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Walter Sheridan Harpool of Denton, Texas, who passed away at 84 years of age on Sunday, January 28, 2007.

Mr. Walter Harpool, also known as "Pinky", was born in Hebron, Texas on February 14, 1922 to Josephine and R.T. Harpool. The family moved to Denton, Texas in 1928, and later started the company Harpool Seed, Inc. Created in 1962, Harpool Fertilizer Co. was the first independent bulk blending plant for fertilizer in Texas.

Mr. Harpool served in the Army Air Force during World War II. After training at Santa Ana, King City and Lancaster, CA, he received his wings at Phoenix, AZ. He became a flight instructor at Perrin Field, Sherman, TX, and then took B-18 training at Sebring, FL. Mr. Harpool was later stationed at Langley Field as a pilot for radar students.

Due to his dedication and passion for agriculture and agribusiness, he was honored as Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture in 1987, and in 1998 was name Conservation Businessman of the Year. He had a fine interest in farm production and improvement, and regularly donated materials such as seed and fertilizer for agriculture research and demonstrations across the state of Texas. Not only did he serve as Chairman of the Denton County Program Building Committee, where he worked with numerous crop and livestock committees, but he also served on the State Board of Agriculture during Governor Bill Clements administration. Mr. Walter Harpool was an avid supporter of many civic functions, such as the Denton Youth Fair, the North Texas State Fair, United Way, and the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

In 1987 Mr. Harpool bought and renovated an old train caboose, which he used as his office. He enjoyed the occasions on which his friends and customers would drop by to visit him. His outstanding and honest character continued to delight those he came into contact with. Despite his life as a strong businessman, taking care of his family held the utmost importance to Mr. Harpool. He showered them with love and devotion, and took pride in providing for them.

Mr. Walter Sheridan Harpool is survived by his wife, Rose Harpool, his son, Walter S. Harpool, Jr., and his brother, Tom Harpool. I extend my sincerest sympathies to his family and friends, and I am honored to have been able to represent such a remarkable man.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF
THE KEISER FAMILY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and commitment of the Keiser family. Evelyn Keiser was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and

graduated from Temple University. She was one of the first women in the United States to receive a Bachelors Degree in Medical Technology.

Evelyn Keiser moved to south Florida in 1961 and co-founded Keiser College in 1977. Art & Belinda Keiser, along with Evelyn, have continued to serve our community by providing superior education through Keiser College, now known as Keiser University.

The Keiser Family continues to contribute to Broward County and the State of Florida, not only through their educational institutions, but also through philanthropy. Keiser University will celebrate their 30th Anniversary in 2007.

Madam Speaker, I proclaim January 31, 2007, as Keiser University Day in the 23rd Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERCY
LAVON JULIAN

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today we honor one of the most accomplished scientists of the twentieth century; a man who would not be deterred by racial bias. Today we honor the life and research of Dr. Percy Julian.

Dr. Julian worked tirelessly, and won acclaim for his work in organic chemistry. A brilliant chemist, Dr. Julian developed a treatment for glaucoma, a new process to produce cortisone, and a fire retardant used by the US Navy, which saved countless American lives during World War II. Throughout his distinguished career Dr. Julian was awarded an impressive 105 patents. His many scientific accomplishments led to his election as a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in 1973.

Dr. Percy's contribution to the study of science is remarkable, yet we cannot forget the racial barriers that Dr. Julian was able to overcome. Born the grandson of Alabama slaves, Dr. Julian was a civil rights pioneer. Dr. Julian was forced to fight through racial prejudice and intimidation to establish himself as a pre-eminent chemist. Let us not forget, as the first African-American family to live in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, the Julian house was fire-bombed in 1950. And again, on June 12, 1951, the Julian house was attacked, this time with dynamite. Yet, through it all, we should not forget the courage he displayed and his perseverance.

We, as a nation, owe much to Percy Julian and it is a privilege to honor him today.

HONORING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I welcome you to join me in commemorating the the history of Africans in the Americas. Since 1926, the month of