

consideration, though intangible, is critical if the United States is to maintain and strengthen its presence in this region of the world that is becoming increasingly important for our own national security and global peace and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING PAULINE
SHERRER AS THE NEW PRESIDENT
OF THE TENNESSEE
PRESS ASSOCIATION

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to congratulate Pauline Sherrer of Crossville, Tennessee, on her succession as President of the Tennessee Press Association. Pauline will join a long line of talented and dedicated journalism professionals in taking the helm of the TPA.

Pauline's family has long been an integral part of the Tennessee media. In 1981, the Sherrer family purchased the Crossville Chronicle, the hometown paper of Cumberland County. Pauline maintained her role as publisher of the Chronicle through two sales of the paper, providing the people of Cumberland County with fair and accurate reporting on the issues that affect them most. Loved by the Chronicle staff and lauded by her peers, Sherrer's leadership has set a standard for meeting the needs of readers.

With over 36 years of experience with the press and now as the first woman to hold a position on all three of Tennessee's press association boards, Pauline is a model for young women and anyone interested in a career in journalism. A mother and a grandmother, business leader and volunteer, Pauline serves her work, family and community with her strong voice and will.

It is my privilege to congratulate and honor Pauline Sherrer for her work, service and commitment, and to welcome her as the new President of our State's Press Association.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST
DAVID WILKEY, JR., OF
ELKHART, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of U.S. Army Specialist David Wilkey, Jr., of Elkhart, Indiana, who died on June 18, 2007 while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Just two weeks shy of his 23rd birthday, David lived a life worthy of admiration and respect, a life that we mourn today as cut tragically short.

Growing up in the wilderness of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, David loved the outdoors. As his step-mother Margaret put it, "His passion was nature. If he had to pick where he was going to live, he would've picked a cabin in the middle of the woods with a pond nearby." The pond, of course, was for fishing, for David loved to both hunt and fish. His uncle, Wayne McDonald, frequently went hunting

with David, and considering his future absence on these trips Wayne could only say "It's going to be real hard this fall."

Those trips with his uncle combined two of David's most cherished loves. For as much as David loved the woods, he loved his family more. From his niece Victoria, whose eyes got big and thought "Yay!" whenever he arrived, to his Aunt Diane, who will miss his smile and wink most of all, family was the heart of David's life. He loved his family dearly. According to his wife, Melinda, "He wanted a big family and he was a very close family man."

In marrying Melinda in December of 2005, his dream of a big family found a great partner. He loved Melinda deeply, and that love showed immediately. It showed in the way he treated his stepson Christian as his own. It showed in the birth of his son Blayke. It shows in their third child that Melinda is pregnant with right now.

David was truly a remarkable man, a remarkable American. In his love of nature and family, he displayed this. He also displayed it in his sense of duty. Having been laid off just as he married Melinda, he could have simply collected unemployment and looked for other work. But his sense of duty to provide for his family as well as his plans to attend college and build a more secure future led David to choose service in the Army. Where so many are content to let others provide for them, this was not enough for David. His sense of duty, his ready courage, his sense of duty to his family—these qualities are the simple and small touches of everyday nobility that make America great, and made David Wilkey, Jr. great.

David was an avid fisherman and hunter, a devoted father and husband, and a magnetic and fun person who made a lasting impression on those around him. His father, David Wilkey, Sr., stated "He had a big heart, and he's a son that any father could be proud of." Today I honor David Wilkey, Jr. as a son who not only his father is proud of, but our entire Nation is proud of. As I register a Nation's pride, it is my regretful duty to also note our grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his friends. We join with his wife Melinda, his father David, and his mother Cindy to mourn his loss. While we struggle to come to terms with the sorrow over this loss, we can take pride in his example and joy in the memory of his life. May God Bless David and all those he loved.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
BARBARA JEAN CAMPBELL

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, today I rise with the support of my colleague, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN, to honor the life of Barbara Jean Campbell, who recently passed away. Barbara dedicated her life to public service and committed herself to expanding educational resources for the community around her. Her persistent efforts to improve the conditions of public libraries as well as the retirement benefits of former public employees have greatly benefited and enriched our community.

Barbara Jean Campbell was born on March 3, 1929 in Oakland, California. She remained

in the city of Berkeley for her education, attending local primary and secondary schools, and then obtaining her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in economics and library science respectively from the University of California, Berkeley.

Barbara began her career in library management at the Berkeley Public Library. Subsequently, she managed a library for the United States Air Force in England for three years. After returning to the Berkeley Library, she was recruited by the Santa Clara County Library system, where she served for the remainder of her career.

During her tenure at Santa Clara County, Barbara was among the first women to shatter the glass ceiling when she was appointed county librarian in 1973. She oversaw the opening of libraries in Morgan Hill, Campbell, Gilroy, Woodland, Saratoga, Alum Rock, and Milpitas. Furthermore, when Proposition 13 reduced library funds, Barbara played a vital role in keeping the libraries operating smoothly. By the time of her retirement in December 1984, she had left a legacy of eloquence and distinction in every task she undertook.

While others may have viewed their retirement as an end to community service, Barbara only gave more of her time and energy to serve the public. She joined the California State Library Foundation's Board of Directors in 1992 and served as secretary of the Board. Although the board meetings were held in Sacramento, Barbara faithfully attended despite the long commute from the Santa Clara Valley. Her understanding of the inner workings of a library and her insight as a former professional library administrator provided skillful guidance for the organization while her enthusiastic personality brightened every meeting.

In addition, Barbara devoted numerous hours to the Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA) of California in both the state and local chapters. In the Local Chapter 31, she served as president for two terms. At the state level, she served as secretary-treasurer from 1990 to 1996. In 1996, she was appointed as President of the State Association, where she oversaw approximately 35,000 members and promoted the mission of RPEA: to preserve, protect, and enhance the retirement benefits of former public employees. After her service as president, she continued to aid the association as Immediate Past President and a member of the RPEA Volunteer Committee.

Besides her extensive work in the California State Library Foundation and RPEA, Barbara was also a 50-year member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) where she was an original member of the branch's evening bridge group. As education was a particular interest of hers, Barbara participated in the scholarship committee of various organizations, including Friends of the Campbell Library, California Association of Librarians and Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC), and the Soroptimist Club. In her free time, Barbara enjoyed playing blackjack in Reno and bridge with AAUW. She was an avid San Francisco giants fan, loved to delve into mystery novels, and often shopped for kitchen appliances.

Barbara Jean Campbell passed away on April 11, 2007 at the age of 78. She will be greatly missed by her many friends, including the Dean family, the Holt family, and her three