

to her entrepreneurial spirit and allowed her to contribute to the St. Louis community, as well as to society as a whole.

Ms. Smith's career in public service began in 1981, when then Governor Christopher S. "Kit" Bond appointed her director of the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. At that time she was the only woman and the only African-American in the Governor's cabinet. Throughout her career Ms. Smith broke barriers and defied expectations, proving to those around her that she was capable of making an impact in the most profound way.

After serving the Governor for several years Ms. Smith was summoned to Washington by President Ronald Reagan to run the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. In 1990 Ms. Smith returned to St. Louis and started her own business: she opened a consulting company and used her years of experience in Washington and as an employee of Kit Bond to make a difference in St. Louis.

Throughout her life Ms. Smith demonstrated a commitment to improving life for those around her; she strove for social justice and fought to ensure equality for all. She was passionate about her civic and philanthropic work and determined to make a profound impact in her own community. Ms. Smith's powerful legacy lives on through her three children. Her daughter, Cheryl Walker of St. Louis, is now a lawyer and her two sons, Dwayne and Dwight Bosman, are both well-known jazz musicians.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Smith; a woman who always strove to make a difference and succeeded. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Paula Smith, an amazing woman whose legacy will forever be remembered. I extend my sincerest condolences to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGING CORPORAL PATRICK C. FIELDS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Corporal Patrick C. Fields for his outstanding service in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and his work in my DC office. In 2003, after playing football for the Ducks, Corporal Fields graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. In 2005, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and after graduating Recruit Training, and Marine Combat Training Patrick joined the 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Camp Pendleton, California to work as a Field Radio Operator.

In 2006, Corporal Fields was assigned to Detachment One, Team Two and deployed to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Radio Operator and a Civil Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer, and became Team Chief for Det One Team 2-2 in the City of Karabilah.

After returning from Iraq, Cpl. Fields deployed in support of Cobra Gold in 2007 (Thailand), MedFlag in 2008 (Republic of Mali), and Balikatan in 2009 (Philippines). He served in a variety of billets ranging from Radio Operator to Civil Affairs Team Chief during that time

and worked with various foreign and U.S. forces and agencies related to the civil affairs mission.

Cpl. Fields was promoted to his present rank in October of 2008, and maintains the billet of Civil Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. In his civilian occupation, Cpl. Fields was a Field Engineer for ARB Inc., a heavy industrial construction firm that specializes in power plant, refinery and pipeline construction.

Corporal Fields did all of this before coming to Washington, DC to work in my office during the fall/winter of 2009. From day one, Patrick developed a great rapport with the rest of the staff and all constituents who came in the door or who he spoke to on the phone. His positive attitude and friendly personality made him a favorite tour guide and great addition to the office.

Cpl. Fields is now scheduled to be mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with eventual deployment to the Afghan Theater of Operations. I appreciate his brave service in defense of our freedom and wish him the best and continued safety in his next assignment.

RECOGNIZING BELMONT CITY
MANAGER JACK CRIST

HON. JACKIE SPEIER-

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jack Crist, who recently retired from his post as City Manager of Belmont, California.

Jack has served his Nation and his community in many ways. In 1965, he joined the United States Army, earning his Army Aviator wings a year later. He went on to fly 375 combat missions in Vietnam, resupplying Special Forces units along the treacherous border between Vietnam and Cambodia. Upon returning home, Jack trained pilots at Fort Ord before being discharged in 1969.

He graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Economics and upon earning his CPA license, joined the City of Sacramento as Chief Accountant. His excellent work in that rapidly growing city inspired the local leaders to promote him to the post of Director of Finance, a job he held for ten years before being named Deputy City Manager. After a long run in that post, Jack moved to Modesto to become City Manager, finally landing in the post for which I honor him tonight: City Manager of Belmont.

During Jack's tenure, he oversaw the reorganization of the fire department through the establishment of a Joint Partnership Agreement with neighboring San Carlos. He also helped the City Council draft and implement the Nation's strictest no-smoking ordinance.

Jack and Margaret, his wife of more than forty years, are tireless travelers and no doubt, Jack's retirement will afford them time for more adventures. A consummate family-man who spends his free time plotting the Crist genealogy, he will surely be able to spend more time in Ohio—with daughter Patricia, her husband Roger and grandkids Kyle and Jack—and Texas, where daughter Jacklyn

lives with her husband Michael and baby Nicolas.

Madam Speaker, City Manager Jack Crist has served his fellow citizens to the utmost of his ability, whether in municipal government or wearing the uniform of the United States Army. For these reasons and so many more, I commend him and wish him a long, healthy and fascinating retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE HINES FARISH—"THE MATRIARCH OF MONROEVILLE"

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness and many fond memories that I rise today to acknowledge the recent passing of Anne Hines Farish of Monroeville, Alabama, a dear friend and extraordinary public servant.

Anne Farish passed away January 18, 2010, at her home after a battle with cancer. She was 83.

Her hometown newspaper, The Monroe Journal, called Anne Farish the "Matriarch of Monroeville." For the former mayor, who viewed everyone in her hometown as family, this title is certainly well chosen.

A native of Monroeville, Anne grew up the oldest of four daughters of the late Dr. Jack and Mrs. Irma Hines. Dr. Hines was Monroeville's mayor for 16 years and his presence no doubt had an influence upon his eldest daughter, who eventually followed in his footsteps.

Anne graduated from Monroe County High School in the same class as Nelle Harper Lee, another beloved daughter of Monroeville and Pulitzer Prize winning author of "To Kill a Mockingbird." Upon graduation, Anne attended Auburn University, and her late husband, Dick, served as Monroeville's postmaster for many years.

Anne will be remembered for so many things. She was indeed a political trail blazer. She was the first woman elected to the Monroeville City Council—serving from 1984 to 1992. Following that, she was the first woman elected as mayor of Monroeville—where she led the city for four terms (1992 to 2008).

During her tenure, Monroeville built its first industrial park, added to its recreational parks and constructed a new City Hall and police station.

Anne was also a successful businesswoman, owning her own brokerage firm, The Farish Agency.

As I noted when Anne retired from public service in 2008, she was the epitome of a "Steel Magnolia," a real southern lady, strong and persevering and someone who was truly an institution among the residents of Monroeville.

Everyone who knew Anne will surely miss her. Monroeville has truly lost a beloved member of its family. My condolences and prayers go out to her family, including her son, William Clifford (Christie) Farish; sisters, Rose Marie Hines Bush, Temple Hudson Hines Lazenby, Irma Jacqueline Hines Nobles; her two grandchildren and extended family.

I join with all of Monroeville and Monroe County in mourning the loss of this remarkable lady and very dear friend.