

Major General Gregory Wayt has served in the United States armed forces for 35 years. Throughout his career, MG Wayt has earned many accolades and achievements for his supreme leadership qualities and unwavering commitment to the guard. Since his appointment as Adjutant General of Ohio's 17,000 guardsmen and women in 2004, the Ohio Guard has received national recognition for its professionalism and for the commitment of its war fighters. Truly, they have lived up to their motto: "When called, we will respond with ready units!" The success and outstanding reputation of the Ohio National Guard reflects MG Wayt's caliber of leadership. His long and illustrious career serving our great state and nation will be remembered. I am proud to recognize the achievements of such a fine American.

Once again, congratulations to Major General Gregory L. Wayt on his retirement from the Ohio National Guard. He has left an outstanding legacy. On behalf of the citizens of the 12th Congressional District of Ohio, please accept our gratitude for many years of service and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, which took place in November. Although November has passed, it is never too late to raise awareness about this disease, which afflicts an estimated 5.3 million Americans, including 480,000 in my home state of California, and affects another 11 million family members and friends who provide countless hours of unpaid care to those suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This is a disease that exacts high tolls from the American public, both financially and emotionally, and we must do all we can to eradicate it.

I urge my colleagues to commit to take action to support caregivers, and to invest in research and education so that we may diagnose, treat, and eventually find a cure for Alzheimer's.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JOSEPH R. CERRELL

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Joseph R. "Joe" Cerrell, iconic political consultant and one of the longtime pillars of the Los Angeles community, who died on December 3, 2010, in Camarillo, California. A political consultant before the profession existed, Joe Cerrell filled his dynamic 75 years with public affairs, public relations and public service.

There's a classic photo of John F. Kennedy riding through a Los Angeles ticker-tape pa-

rade, with a grinning Joe Cerrell sitting right in the front of the car. That was Joe—always smiling, always, out front, always driving the process—and of course, always showered in adulation. For five decades, Joe's passion, principle and unrivaled political acumen influenced state and national politics, and his forward-thinking work truly helped shape the country and modern California, his adopted home.

Joe Cerrell was born June 19, 1935 in New York City, to Sal, a firefighter, and Marion Cerella, a switchboard operator. No doubt it's from his parents that Joe learned to put out political fires and to organize and connect people with legendary efficiency. Moving west to Los Angeles in his teens, Joe Cerrell finished high school and enrolled at USC. It was there, after founding the Trojan Democratic Club, that Joe began his lifelong political career. As a junior, he began arranging Kennedy's California visits, ultimately becoming Kennedy's California personal aide. Having caught the attention of Jesse Unruh, Joe soon found himself working on Unruh's State Assembly campaign, and later, on Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown's gubernatorial campaign.

After graduating in 1957 with a degree in Political Science, 24-year-old Joe was tapped by Unruh to head the California Democratic Party, the youngest ever to lead the state party. Joe then served as Kennedy's California campaign manager in 1960, an experience that ultimately led Joe to both his greatest love and greatest heartbreak. At Kennedy's urging, Joe became engaged to Lee Bullock, a fellow campaign worker. After Vice President Johnson asked them to postpone their wedding in order to staff an event, the couple finally celebrated their wedding. While on their honeymoon in Paris, Joe and Lee read about Kennedy's assassination and wept with the world.

Together with Lee, Joe founded his own political consulting firm in 1967, Cerrell Associates. Over the years, Joe advised the presidential campaigns of Kennedy, Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, Lloyd Bentsen, John Glenn, and Al Gore. His statewide clients included the likes of Willie Brown and Jerry Brown, whom Joe first helped win a seat on the Los Angeles Junior College Board in a 124-candidate race. In later years, Joe's outstanding record of electing judicial candidates earned him the title of "the judge-maker." Notable dignitaries such as the Dalai Lama and His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I and Catholicos Karekin I sought out Joe to manage their California tours, with the latter earning Cerrell Associates a "Best Special Event" Award from the Public Relations Society of America—Los Angeles. Their long list of clients was a testament to Joe's extraordinary management and strategic skills, and the firm expanded their influence by adding a Washington, D.C. office in 1983, eventually becoming the 43rd-largest independently owned PR firm in the country.

This success earned Joe countless accolades. He won a PRism Award for being an "Outstanding PR Professional" and Cerrell Associates was named "Small Family-Owned Business of the Year" by the Los Angeles Business Journal. Embracing his role as one of Los Angeles' most prominent political professionals, Joe served as president and on the boards of both the American Association of Political Consultants and the International Association of Political Consultants.

In addition to his professional work, Joe found time to become one of Los Angeles' most involved and civic-minded residents. He served on the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission during the 1984 Olympics and was chairman of the Hollywood Wilshire YMCA. Returning to his alma mater, he co-founded and taught at USC's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, and lectured widely across the country. For his years of outstanding contributions to the city, the Central City Association named Cerrell a "Treasure of Los Angeles." But despite all that he did for his adopted hometown, Joe Cerrell never abandoned his New York roots, often requiring family and colleagues to play Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" at events. That was the sense of humor and zest for life Joe brought with him everywhere.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Joe Cerrell's wife, Lee; his children, Steve, Sharon and Joe; his sons- and daughters-in-law; and his seven wonderful grandchildren. Joe Cerrell embodied a time of political engagement and civility that made him one of the most sought-after political commentators and earned him friends across the political spectrum. He was a progressive pioneer, credited with helping "to create modern political consulting" by Professor Ann N. Crigler, Chair of USC's Political Science Department, and praised as "a great champion of progressive political causes" by former Vice President Al Gore. His death truly represents the passing of an era, and for me, the passing of a dear friend. I'm honored to pay tribute to Joe Cerrell for his incredible role in shaping our State and our country.

HELPING THE IRANIAN OPPOSITION

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on November 16th, 2010 I held a briefing on my bill H. Res. 1431, which urges the Obama administration to remove the main Iranian opposition group, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) from the list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. This bill has been co-sponsored by 109 Members of the House of Representatives.

In a letter to the Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on that same day, I was joined by my colleagues and brought the resolution to the attention of the Secretary and urged her to delist the PMOI. Below are the remarks that I made to the Members and Staff gathered at the briefing:

We have introduced Resolution 1431, which calls upon the U.S. government, the President, the Secretary of State to remove the Peoples Mojahedin Organization of Iran . . . from the State Department list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations . . . Like other parliaments around the world, we in the United States Congress believe that this organization does not qualify to be on the FTO list both on legal and political grounds. Removing the MEK from the FTO list is not only the right thing to do but sends the right message to Iran.

I would like to thank the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran,