

TRIBUTE TO HOT GRILL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention to the achievements of an outstanding small business, the Hot Grill in New Jersey upon reaching their 50th Anniversary.

It is only fitting that they be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known. Hot Grill has been a true asset and a part of the community in the City of Clifton for 50 years.

Under the ownership of Domenick Sportelli, an Italian immigrant, and Carmen LaMendola, the Hot Grill has become a community favorite that has drastically grown since its inception in October of 1961.

The Hot Grill started as a small establishment, with one long counter and roughly 20 seats. Thanks to the owners' dedication to quality and commitment to their community, the Hot Grill has undergone several expansions and has attained the ability to accommodate up to 160 customers on its premises.

One of the Hot Grill's accomplishments is its pioneering of the Texas Weiner, which many believe had its beginnings in Paterson, New Jersey. Texas Weiners, hot dogs with chili, have been served for over 40 years at the Hot Grill.

In 1996, Hot Grill celebrated their 35th anniversary and sold 60,000 hot dogs in just three days. Just five years earlier, it took four days to sell the same amount—proof of the business' growth and popularity.

Though it gained fame for its hot dogs, the Hot Grill is also noted for its homemade soups and chilis. Their chili, in fact, travels the world to countries as far as England and Italy.

The owners of this business consider the fact that they have now been serving three generations of the community's residents as one of their greatest achievements. The Hot Grill has been ranked as the "Number 1" Hot Dog in the Record Readers' Top 5 Survey, along with other enthusiastic reviews. Furthermore, it has been frequented by a number of celebrity personalities over the years, including the late President Richard Nixon.

The entrepreneurial spirit present at the Hot Grill is an example of the American Dream. Through hard work, they have demonstrated that businesses in our communities can thrive for generations.

Though the job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, few experiences compare to having the honor of recognizing the impressive accomplishments of local small businesses such as the Hot Grill in the City of Clifton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Clifton, the Hot Grill, and its faithful customers in celebrating the great achievement of this outstanding small business upon reaching their 50th Anniversary.

VIOLENCE AGAINST EGYPTIAN
PROTESTERS**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage at the military government in Egypt which committed a horrendous act of violence against its own citizens last Sunday night, and at the state run media in Egypt which helped incite that violence.

Coptic Christians have lived peacefully in Egypt for millennia, but sadly in recent months Coptic churches and protestors have been targeted for violence by sectarian extremists. Sadly, it now appears that the government is playing a role in fostering this unrest, and attacking its own people.

Last Sunday more than 1,000 Copts gathered to protest a recent attack by Islamist radicals on a Coptic church in the country's south. While it's not clear why this protest turned violent, what we do know from video shot at the scene is that 26 protesters died after the military drove armored vehicles into the crowds.

Perhaps even more disturbing, state run media sources called upon other Egyptians to take to the streets to protect the military from the protesters. The actions of the media served only to heighten tension and create the increased likelihood that a peaceful protest would turn violent.

I applaud Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Hazem El-Beblawi who submitted his resignation on Tuesday in protest over the government's actions. I am disappointed that Egypt's military government has refused to allow him to resign.

The end of the reign of Hosni Mubarak creates an enormous opportunity for Egypt to create a democratic society that respects the rights of minorities. In order to maintain international legitimacy and the support of the United States government, the Egyptian military must demonstrate a commitment to protecting Christians and others who have been targeted for violence.

TRIBUTE TO ADDIE CAMILLA
BUTLER RUSH**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable constituent and entrepreneur on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Addie Camilla Butler Rush is a dear family friend and like a second mother to my brothers and me. Having lost my own mother at the age of 55, it gives me great joy to celebrate this special centenarian's birthday.

Addie Camilla Butler Rush was born on October 22, 1911. She was the 13th child of 15 children born to the late Richard and Adelaide Butler. She is one of two surviving siblings; her baby sister, Richmond Danny, is currently 94 years old. As a child, she was reared in the Tindal area of Sumter, South Carolina.

In 1937, Mrs. Rush began her study of Cosmetology in Roanoke, Virginia, and later com-

pleted her studies at Breland School of Cosmetology in Orangeburg, SC. She established Ambritt's Beauty Shop, better known as Rush's Beauty Shop on the south side Sumter in 1938. She was also trained in cake decorating, floristry, and millinery arts. She later opened businesses for all of her many trades. She is a true entrepreneur and had businesses in Pinewood, Camden (Mather Academy), Bishopville, Sumter, Manning and Timmonsville. Rush's Florist and Rush's Beauty Shop are still in operation today in Sumter.

Mrs. Rush briefly served as a State Cosmetology Inspector, but resigned to care for her young child. The beauty culture field included hair and makeup, and she was renowned for her skill in doing makeup for legs, which was a popular alternative to hosiery during the 1940s. She is a charter member of the Sumter Beautician's Club and is a current member emeritus.

Over the years, she earned numerous recognitions including: 1st Place winner in styling at the Bronner Brothers Hair Show (1960); Service Awards for SC State and National Beauty Culture League (1981, 1984, 1994, 1999); Super Achiever Award in Business and Community Service from Jehovah Baptist Church (1988); Women in Business Award, National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (1992); and honored as Grand Marshall for the Festival on the Avenue Parade (2010).

Mrs. Rush has always been very grounded in her faith. She has been a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church for eighty-nine years. She served on the Gospel Choir, Wide Awake Ministry, Missionaries, Church School, the Friendly Gospel Singers, and she is a founding member of the Golden Stars. She still faithfully attends the 7:45 a.m. Sunday service.

Mrs. Rush was blessed with one child, Dorothy Dean Rush Palmer. She has four grandchildren; Edmond L. Palmer, Yvette A. Palmer-Montsho, Floyd B. Palmer-McLeod, and Wygelia E. Palmer; five great-grandchildren; Latoya, Addavia, Jamela, Quinton, and Jabari; and two great-great grandchildren, Javeon and Jada. She also has a significant number of god-children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in sending best wishes to Mrs. Addie Rush on her 100th birthday. She is an extraordinary woman with a generous spirit, a mind for business, and a heart filled with love and faith. I am proud to call her a dear friend and a member of my extended family.

WELCOMING AND HONORING THE
EASTERN IOWA HONOR FLIGHT
AND IOWA'S WWII VETERANS**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, next week, 90 Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, these veterans will travel to Washington, DC, to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many of these veterans, next Tuesday, October 18th, will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial. I am

deeply honored to have been invited to welcome them back to Iowa at the end of their journey, and I am very much looking forward to the opportunity to hear about their experience seeing their memorial for the first time and to having the opportunity to personally thank these heroes.

Sadly, however, 17 of Iowa's heroes who were planning to travel with their fellow veterans to Washington, DC, passed away before they were able to embark on their trip. My wife Terry and I join all Iowans in mourning their loss and in extending our deepest sympathies to their families.

I am proud to have a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial in my office. Like the memorial that it built, that piece of marble reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation of Americans. When our country was threatened, they rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. They did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people.

I am tremendously proud to provide an early welcome to the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our nation's capital next week. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

THE LEGACY OF STEVE JOBS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Members of the California Congressional Delegation to honor the legacy of Steve Jobs, one of the world's greatest innovators and entrepreneurs and a committed family man. Steve unfortunately passed away last Wednesday, October 5, 2011, leaving behind his beloved wife, Laurene Powell Jobs, and four children. He embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit and was a true pioneer of California's technology sector, inspiring millions with creations at Apple that continue to sustain Silicon Valley today. His passion, ingenuity and hard work have changed the way we live and work forever.

Steve was a native of California and a product of its public education system. He hailed from San Francisco, and was adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs, who moved to Mountain View, California when he was a child. Steve attended Cupertino Junior High and Homestead

High School in Cupertino, California. After briefly spending time in college in Portland, he returned to his home state to pursue his interest in computers.

In 1976, Steve founded Apple Computer in Cupertino, with Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne. Almost 40 years later, Jobs has been listed as either primary inventor or co-inventor of more than 340 U.S. patents and patent applications for a wide range of technologies. His insatiable desire to innovate made Apple into one of the world's most profitable and recognizable brands.

His diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in 2004 shocked and saddened us all. However, as was often the case with Steve, he continued in sickness to lead by example. During the time between his diagnosis and death, Apple introduced the iPhone and the iPad, which have set new standards for mobile devices.

Jobs announced his resignation as Apple's CEO on August 24, 2011, and in a letter to Apple's Board of Directors, he said, "I believe Apple's brightest and most innovative days are ahead of it." We believe that the next great innovators are in California classrooms right now, learning about Steve Jobs and being inspired by his legacy.

The following are the names of the 53 Members of the California Congressional Delegation: MIKE THOMPSON, WALLY HERGER, DANIEL LUNGREN, TOM MCCLINTOCK, DORIS MATSUI, LYNN WOOLSEY, GEORGE MILLER, NANCY PELOSI, BARBARA LEE, JOHN GARAMENDI, JERRY MCNERNEY, JACKIE SPEIER, PETE STARK, ANNA G. ESHOO, MIKE HONDA, ZOE LOFGREN, SAM FARR, DENNIS CARDOZA, JEFF DENHAM, JIM COSTA, DEVIN NUNES, KEVIN MCCARTHY, LOIS CAPPS, ELTON GALLEGLY, HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON, DAVID DREIER, BRAD SHERMAN, HOWARD BERMAN, ADAM SCHIFF, HENRY WAXMAN, XAVIER BECERRA, JUDY CHU, KAREN BASS, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, MAXINE WATERS, JANICE HAHN, LAURA RICHARDSON, GRACE NAPOLITANO, LINDA SANCHEZ, EDWARD ROYCE, JERRY LEWIS, GARY MILLER, JOE BACA, KEN CALVERT, MARY BONO MACK, DANA ROHRBACHER, LORETTA SANCHEZ, JOHN CAMPBELL, DARRELL ISSA, BRIAN BILBRAY, BOB FILNER, DUNCAN HUNTER and SUSAN DAVIS.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR PRIVATE FLOYD RAGSDALE

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a brave warfighter, Mr. Floyd D. Ragsdale. Mr. Ragsdale was born on September 9, 1925, in Waterloo, Iowa. He was drafted into the Army in December 1943 and went through basic training and advanced unit training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In October of 1944, Mr. Ragsdale was sent to Europe and assigned to the 424th Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division—a division that was known as the "Golden Lions." Mr. Ragsdale participated in combat operations in Northern France, the Rhineland Campaign, and the Ardennes.

For his bravery and diligence, Mr. Ragsdale received the National Service Defense Medal, the European Theater of Operations ribbon

with three bronze stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Ragsdale has earned yet another medal. After 66 years it is my honor to present the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Belgium during World War II to Mr. Ragsdale. This is the fourth-highest combat award the U.S. Armed Forces has and is given to an individual for bravery, acts of merit, or meritorious service.

I am also privileged to see Mr. Ragsdale receive the Belgian Fourragere for his service during the Battle of the Bulge in defense of liberty. The Belgian Fourragere is a military award given by the Belgium government and is a braided cord. It is considered one of the top awards.

We are very lucky to have had dedicated warfighters like Mr. Ragsdale in our Army. Our country owes him and those like him a great debt of gratitude for the sacrifices he and others made for us.

PROTECT LIFE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I voted against the badly flawed H.R. 358, a Republican bill brought to the floor today that will have a profoundly negative impact on a woman's ability to make personal healthcare decisions. I am deeply troubled by any congressional action that restricts a woman's right to choose. I oppose this legislation and reiterate my support for a women's right to make her own decision about her healthcare decisions and obtain access to emergency care.

Instead of advancing policies to put Americans back to work, Republicans instead have decided to debate legislation restricting the health care choices available to women and their families. If enacted, H.R. 358 would limit the choices individuals and families have regarding their health insurance coverage, even forcing individuals to drop coverage they have already selected. It gives hospital workers the right to refuse treatment to women in need, even in the case of rape, incest or life-threatening complications. To force insurance companies and healthcare providers to deny a woman access to a legal procedure would be a very disturbing step backwards.

Already federal law prohibits federal funds from being used for abortions, except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered. This legislation further restricts the ability of individuals and families to make personal decisions about their health care.

At a time when my colleagues are saying that they want to make government smaller, it is hypocritical and dangerous to pretend that a small government gets to make personal health care decisions for women and families. There is no room for government involvement in the personal and difficult decisions around women's reproductive choices. I strongly oppose this legislation.