

Thom has 20 issued patents, 21 patent applications pending, and is a Battelle Distinguished Inventor. Five of his patents are for an early screening cancer detection system where rare cancerous cells can be identified through simple blood tests. This simple blood test can also be used for tracking post cancer and remission. Thom's research in this area will hopefully lead to earlier cancer detection and eventually to tests for other diseases.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Thom Haubert for his work that has saved lives and made a difference to so many people. He stands as an example to young engineers across the country, and I am very pleased to thank him for all that he has done for Ohio and our country.

IN HONOR OF NEW JERSEY RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DEBORAH DOWDELL

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness to honor long-time president of the New Jersey Restaurant Association Deborah Dowdell. Deborah Dowdell died March 2nd following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Deborah's passing is a tremendous loss for New Jersey's small business community and most especially, her family, who loved her dearly.

For those who knew Deborah, she was a strong and influential leader and mentor in Trenton. Deborah Dowdell was an influential policy-maker, an expert on issues important to New Jersey's restaurant and hospitality community. But most important Deborah Dowdell was a great friend and loving daughter and wife.

My wife Heidi and I send our thoughts and prayers to Deborah's entire family during these very trying and difficult times.

RECOGNIZING GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Greek Independence Day, the celebration of Greek freedom from the Ottoman Empire in May of 1832. March 25 is recognized as the official celebration day of this monumental occasion.

From early Greek architecture, theatre and art, to the great philosophers, scientists, and mathematicians of their time, it is impossible to overlook the influence and the impact of Greek history, culture and tradition on the entire world.

Here in the United States, we hold a special place of honor for Greek history. Serving as one of the oldest examples of a successful democratic government, our Nation's Founding Fathers looked to ancient Athenian democracy to lay the foundation for the Constitution of the United States, without which our great Nation would not be what it is today.

With a strong Greek-American community in the Chicago area, the people of the 2nd Congressional district continue to celebrate the historic and cultural heritage of Greek Americans in Chicagoland and across the Nation, in addition to the new, unique, and ever changing ways they contribute to America.

I am honored to recognize and congratulate Greece on 191 years of independence and thank the Greek people for the substantial impact they have made not only in America, but throughout the global community.

Happy Independence Day.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOU POULOS

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and achievements of Mr. Lou Poulos, who recently passed away. As a husband and father, as a friend and businessman, as a community trade association and church leader, Lou was an extraordinary man who cared deeply for his country, state and city and the industry that he was instrumental in shaping for half a century.

The sixth of nine children to Greek immigrants, Lou contracted polio at the age of 2. Although he received treatment as a child, Lou never regained full use of his legs and walked with crutches or used a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. Lou's condition did not detract from his steadfast determination to live a life on his terms, not on the terms of the disease that damaged his legs. In 1929, his father and a partner started the wholesale Farmers Produce Company. Later at the end of Prohibition in 1933, the elder Poulos acquired one of the first wholesale liquor licenses in Arizona. Lou got his first taste of the business by helping his father in the Miami, Arizona office by taking orders for liquor over the phone.

Lou was widely recognized and respected in the liquor industry and the Arizona community as a whole from the time he was a young man. But he really came into his own when he developed a chain of drive-through liquor stores, which were launched from his father's business. Farmers Liquors was the first retail liquor chain in the state, with some 15 locations through the Valley of the Sun. Under Lou's management, Farmers Liquors prospered. While he was building his own business, he was mindful of the importance of all the tiers of the industry and the impact of political legislation and the people who made those decisions.

Early on, Lou became active in the Arizona Licensed Beverage Association (ALBA), founded in 1936 to protect liquor licenses against unfair legislation. He was largely responsible for putting teeth into ALBA and working to fulfill the mission of the organization. Serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for decades, Lou was also the association's longest serving treasurer—45 years.

Lou Poulos was a very generous man, not only in financial terms, but also in lending his time, wisdom and expertise to individuals and worthy causes that sought his assistance. Lou

was not one to make his contributions known publicly. According to Georgia, his wife of 57 years, Lou was especially supportive of organizations that were involved in helping those afflicted with infantile paralysis (polio), the disease he contracted at age two. He was a lifetime contributor to his church in Phoenix, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral and its affiliated organizations, and an active volunteer during the annual Greek Festival, which observed its 51st year in 2011. Lou also donated financially to associations dedicated to cancer and heart disease research, as well as the Wounded Warrior Project, among other veteran's organizations. In every respect, Lou Poulos was a good man and a good citizen who, without seeking fanfare or plaudits, quietly enriched the fabric of our great and unique nation.

In considering all of these achievements, I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Lou Poulos for his courageous overcoming of adversity, his many contributions to the progress and growth of Arizona and his prominent and positive influence on the state's liquor industry.

HONORING MRS. JUANITA ADELE FRANKLIN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, the Hon. ED PASTOR, to honor the extraordinary life of my aunt, Mrs. Juanita Franklin. Those who knew her as wife, sister, aunt, great-aunt, great-great aunt, friend and neighbor affectionately called her "Auntie Nita" or "Sister." As a loving partner, a second mother to many generations of nieces and nephews, and as a dedicated community member, Mrs. Franklin was known for her strong personal values and her simple approach to life. With Juanita's passing on March 18, 2012, we are reminded of her life's journey over the last century, and the joyful legacy she inspired.

Mrs. Juanita Adele Franklin was born to Mr. William Calhoun Parish and Mrs. Willie Edith Parish, in El Paso, Texas on July 8, 1911. She was one of three daughters, and enjoyed growing up with her two sisters, Lois Murrell and Mildred Massey. Raised in El Paso, where she attended Douglass Elementary and High School, Mrs. Franklin went on to Huston Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, where she received a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts.

It was there that Mrs. Franklin met the love of her life, the late Albert Franklin. The couple exchanged vows in 1935 in San Antonio, Texas, and were married for over 50 years. Although she never had children of her own, Juanita adored her nieces and nephews and served as a generous mentor and confidant. Throughout her long life, she took great joy in watching her great and great-great nieces and nephews grow and thrive.

Over their five decades of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin resided in El Paso, TX, Portsmouth, VA, Los Angeles, Pacoima, and Oakland, CA, and Sun City, AZ. Upon the death of her husband, she went to live with her youngest sister, Mildred, and spent the last eight years of her life at The Right Choice Adult Care Home in Glendale, AZ. There she