

on a single coal stove for heating. The old wooden structure was condemned as a fire trap and demolished, with plans for a new structure in place.

Everyone knew “separate but equal” was a failure. Not just a failure, but a fundamentally dishonest proposition—a dereliction of the duty we have towards our children to provide them with a brighter future than our own. But for sixty years this was the reality of *Plessy v. Ferguson* that educators all over the country had to face. Despite these struggles, principals and teachers like A. Tolliver, Luke B. Norris, Mrs. Louella Patterson and Professor M. J. Woods worked hard to make the Lemon Street school a success. Professor Woods was also the principal of the neighboring Lemon Street High School, which went on to gain accreditation and distinction for its academics, its athletic program and its marching band.

I commend the Lemon Street Heritage Group for their efforts to acknowledge and celebrate this history, and I am extremely proud of the principals and teachers of the Lemon Street School who devoted their lives to furthering the education of African Americans. I hope this school will serve as both an inspiration and a reminder to all of us—of the battles we have won and those still to come.

ISAAC GARB

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Judge Isaac Garb who passed away late yesterday at the age of 83.

As Bucks County, Pennsylvania’s longest-serving judge, he remained a dedicated public servant throughout his career, still hearing cases until the week before Thanksgiving.

Judge Garb was a true advocate for juvenile justice, recognizing the importance of the protection the court system could afford to young offenders.

He always believed that most children who appeared before him in court had simply made a mistake and still had a life full of true potential in front of them.

A truly brilliant legal mind, Judge Garb presided over more than five decades of cases in my home of Bucks County, completely re-vamping the criminal court division. Judge Garb served several terms as President Judge of our esteemed Court.

In a ritual still practiced to this day, each morning the criminal court is in session in the County Seat of Doylestown, Judge Garb took it upon himself one day to call out defendant’s names and assign them to their courtroom, tired of waiting for assignments by the District Attorney’s office.

Judge Garb’s reforms transformed Bucks County criminal court into the most efficiently run system in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Judge Garb has left a lasting impression on the careers of so many in Bucks County, and he has earned the respect and admiration of those around him. His reputation as Bucks County’s most admired jurist is well-deserved and his passing represents a true loss to our community.

I am honored to have called Judge Garb a friend, as we discussed and negotiated many issues of mutual concern between the Office of Commissioners and the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family in these difficult times.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF EDWARD PATRICK MCGOVERN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary man, Edward Patrick McGovern, who was born in San Francisco on December 26, 1927, and died on November 6, 2012.

A proud American who was also proud of his Irish heritage, Ed served his country during World War II. He and his beloved wife of 56 years, Maggie, founded Knight’s Restaurant and Catering, a business which they loved and fostered for more than forty years. Ed was a devoted member of many organizations to which he gave generously of his time and resources, including San Francisco’s Irish Cultural Center, the Pearse and Connelly Fife and Drum Band, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Catholic Charities, and the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher.

Ed and Maggie loved to travel, and visited six continents, but their favorite trips were “home” to Ireland. In 2005 they moved from San Francisco to Sonoma, and became active members of their new community.

Ed and his beloved wife Maggie, who survives him, raised a large and loving family. He leaves eight children: Moira McGovern; Deirdre and Doug Muller; Eileen and Andrew Patania; Kevin and Lori McGovern; Brian and Theresa McGovern; Maureen Kelly; Margaret and Frank van Beuningen; and Ed and Tina McGovern. He was beloved Poppi to Katie, Claire, Meagan and Jack; Molly, Danny, and Grace; Brian, Christopher, Thomas, Stephen and Elizabeth; Rosie; and Devin and Ryan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the immediate and extended family and many friends of Edward Patrick McGovern. He will be remembered and missed by all who had the honor and privilege to know him. I feel blessed to have had the honor to know him and call him my friend.

CONGRATULATING MARTIN AND RHODA ELLNER ON THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Martin and Rhoda Ellner, the parents of one of my constituents, on reaching a true marital milestone today: their 60th wedding anniversary.

An anniversary such as this shows us all the power of love, but also serves as a reminder that a marriage takes patience, re-

spect, and understanding. Each day that Martin and Rhoda go forward they remind us of the commitment they have made to one another, and also serve as an inspiration to those who know them with their remarkable dedication to each other.

According to their son, Andrew, Martin is a “concentration camp survivor who’s proud to be an American” and Rhoda is a “Brooklyn born superhero who’s proud to have survived raising Martin and her 4 sons.” These are two truly remarkable people who have demonstrated to the world what a loving partnership looks like.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martin and Rhoda Ellner on 60 years of wedded bliss, and wish them many more happy years together.

CONGRESS SALUTES CHARLES GREENE, A TRUE PUBLIC SERV- ANT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Colonel Charles H. Greene, U.S. Army (Ret) for his distinguished service to the United States Army and his nation. Colonel Greene honorably served his country in Korea and Vietnam.

Colonel Greene served as the Unit Commander with the 467th Military Intelligence Detachment from October 1982 through April 1985 and retired from the United States Army on September 23, 1990.

After retiring from the Army, Charles held the position of Engineer for Lockheed Martin and was co-owner of a lapidary shop in Melbourne, Florida. He was an active member of the Crossroads Community Church UCC and the Melbourne Elks Lodge #1744.

Beginning in 1975, Charles served as the 15th District of Florida General Chairman for nominations to our nation’s military service academies until his death on November 30, 2012. I applaud his commitment to our community, military and the future of our Armed Services. Charles embodied the true meaning of public service.

“Charlie loved his job as Chairman of the nominating committees. He enjoyed talking with prospective candidates and he had a gift for making them feel comfortable before their interviews. Although he was from a different generation, he understood today’s teens and the changing Academy and military environment. His goal was always to select the most qualified individuals and to encourage students who were interested in attending our nation’s service academies and serving in the military. I will have big shoes to fill as I assume the position of Chair, District 15 Academy Nominating Committee,” said Angelika Evangelist, Captain, United States Navy Reserve (Ret).

Charles is survived by his wife Jackie; son Stephen (Pat); daughters Diane (Tim) Benson; Karen (Craig) Schenck; Leslie Hodgkins; Susan (Greg) Reeves; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Charles took up the flag and served this great nation selflessly. He is a great credit to our community, the United States Army and