

Kelly; Brian (Theresa); Kevin (Lori) McGovern; Eileen (Andy) Patania; Deirdre (Douglas) Muller, and Moira McGovern. She was the beloved "Mimi" to Katie, Claire, Meagan and Jack; Molly, Danny and Grace; Brian, Christopher, Thomas, Stephen, and Elizabeth; Rosie; and Devin and Ryan.

I had the privilege of knowing Margaret McGovern for over three decades. She was a woman of great faith and lived a life of values, instilling in her children and grandchildren the importance of integrity, decency and a genuine respect for every human being.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the long and productive life of Maggie McGovern and in extending our most sincere condolences to her family. She shaped the lives of her family, lived her faith daily, and bettered the lives of so many, strengthening the community she served and the country she loved.

HONORING JOHN AND SAMUEL
GRENADA

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two men who were highly motivated entrepreneurs who made their life's wages from cultivating and harvesting the land on which their families lived on: Mr. John Grenada and Mr. Samuel Grenada.

John and Samuel Grenada were well known farmers within the Mount Olive community in Bolton, Mississippi. Dating back to as early as the 1950s, the Grenadas farmed an area of about 20–30 acres of land, which was located not far from Northside Drive. The Grenadas cultivated a number of crops, such as cotton, white potatoes, corn and butter beans. In addition to crops, the Grenadas also raised livestock, such as turkeys and geese.

All throughout rural Hinds county, the Grenadas supported their family financially through selling their crops and livestock throughout the various harvesting seasons as roadside vendors. Not only were they able to sell their harvested crops, but they were also able to feed their families, making great use of their land. The Grenadas were dedicated, talented farmers who mastered the craft of cultivating the land for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John and Samuel Grenada for their impeccable cultivator talent.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TED
LEIPPRANDT ON HIS RECEIPT OF
THE LEADERS AND LEGENDS
AWARD GIVEN BY MICHIGAN
AGRI-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to deliver a few words honoring Ted Leipprandt who is being awarded the Leaders and Legends Award given by

Michigan Agri-Business Association. This prestigious award is given annually to an individual who has been a leader in Michigan's agricultural community and honors a lifetime dedication to making a positive difference advancing the agriculture industry in the state.

Born to Theo and Lillian Leipprandt, Ted was the youngest of four children and grew up in the 1930s and 1940s on a 160 acre farm that was truly diverse. The family grew grain seeds, corn, sugar beets, while also raising cows, pigs and laying hens. As a teen, Ted helped his family around the farm staying active in the community by participating in organizations such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America until he went off to college at Michigan State University where he studied animal husbandry, and crop and soil sciences.

Once graduated from college, Ted volunteered to serve his country in the United States Army. While stationed at Fort Benning, he met his lovely wife Margaret, who together, would eventually raise three sons and one daughter: Jeff, Joel, Jim and Jill, and enjoy the company of 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After his time spent serving this nation, Ted took a job with the Macomb County Cooperative Extension Service where he worked at the soil testing laboratory before taking up his long career at the Cooperative Elevator in Pigeon, Michigan.

Throughout his career at the Co-op Elevator, Ted helped set up the first soil testing program for the members of the community working closely with local farmers on soil sampling that would eventually be used to make fertilizer recommendations.

As time grew, Ted gained the area farmers confidence and trust building strong relationships which would later lead to taking on more responsibilities in the role of manager of the feed and fertilizer division and participating in the Board of Directors meetings at Co-op Elevator.

His reputation would later gain him a seat as General Manager and CEO of the Pigeon Co-op Elevator in 1974.

Over the next 13 years, Ted helped Co-op Elevator flourish by investing in major projects to increase grain storage as well as overseeing the organization's fertilizer blending facility, which at the time, was "state of the art" and is still used today.

His innovative thinking helped continue the Co-op Elevator's growth constantly expanding the outreach and impact on Michigan's agriculture in the Thumb where I represent.

Through his life, Ted believed that being active in the community where you live and work was essential. With that in mind, Ted stayed active in his local church, was a member of the Pigeon Rotary Club and has been very supportive of the 4-H and F.F.A. He was a member to multiple organizations which includes sitting on Michigan Bean Shippers Board, the Michigan Bean Commission and Michigan Grain and Agri-Dealers Association just to name a few.

Even after his retirement, Ted continued to serve the interest of agriculture in the Thumb while on the Board of Directors of DTE Energy and East Central Farm Credit Services.

Looking back at Ted's story is something to be admired and the community thanks him for all his hard work and dedication he has put in over the years to support not the just the agriculture industry but his community has a whole.

I am honored to represent Ted who is constituent of mine and congratulate him on this well deserved "Leaders and Legends Award." You truly deserve it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed Roll No. 1. If I had been there, I would have voted "present."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on rollcall No. 1.

Had I been there, I would have voted "present."

HONORING MR. LEON CHEATHAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who made his life's wages from cultivating and harvesting the land to financially support his family, Mr. Leon Cheatham.

Mr. Cheatham was considered a masterful farmer by many in the Lyons Quarter community in Bolton, MS. Dating back to as early as the 1960s, Mr. Cheatham farmed approximately 21 acres of land, which was located at 2036 Lyons Road. Mr. Cheatham cultivated a number of crops, such as sweet potatoes, corn, sugar cane, watermelons, numerous other vegetables, and cotton.

In addition to crops, Mr. Cheatham also bred and raised cattle and swine, all of which were used to help feed his family. He often-times sold the sugar cane crops throughout rural Hinds County as a roadside vendor, while the cattle and swine he raised were sold at auctions in Jackson and Canton. Ultimately, Mr. Cheatham diligently farmed his land for approximately 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Leon Cheatham for his impeccable cultivator talent.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JULIA
MIRZA ALEXANDER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an