

last days." Indeed, there is much to be thankful for this evening.

In fact, it is no overstatement to say, that for countless families, Hospice of Huntington has helped answer many prayers for relief and the joy of comfort.

According to a local news account, this Hospice—with 140 employees and more than 300 volunteers, an annual budget of about \$12 million a year, of which more than 80 percent goes directly to patient services—serves about 1,000 patients a year in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason Counties in West Virginia, as well as Lawrence County, Ohio.

Tonight, there will be much talk—and rightly so—of references to angels and angelic acts here on earth. Through my work with constituents, in getting them the government services they need and deserve, I know for a fact that Hospice of Huntington harbors a host of the better angels among us.

And if there is one on this earth who has guided and grown, directed and expanded and led and served the resources, services and programs for that host of angels to employ, it is none other than the archangel we so thankfully have in Charlene Farrell. Not only does Charlene trumpet the potential and possibilities of Hospice's many programs, echoing the skills and talents of Gabriel himself, but like Michael, she never fails to unsheathe her sword to defend those programs and the people who make them possible for the families they serve.

It is my honor to share these comments about Hospice of Huntington and its champion, Charlene, with my colleagues and our Nation. Ours is a blessed Nation because we are a giving Nation. Charlene Farrell's body of work, her spirit of giving will live on and grow long after she has turned the keys and passwords into the able hands of Melanie Hall.

As Sarah Denman, Chairwoman of the Hospice Board has said, Charlene "has created a team that will be able to carry that legacy into the future. That's the greatest gift—when you step away, the organization will continue at the same level with the same values and the same vision."

All this, Mr. Speaker, will continue to contribute to the greater benefit of the People of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I close my remarks honoring Charlene with these lines from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the "Ode to Joy":

Your magic brings together what custom has sternly divided.

All men shall become brothers, wherever your gentle wings hover.

To Charlene, and her husband, Judge Paul Farrell, may your next symphony, the one with those seven loving grandchildren, be just as complete.

HONORING JANE SNOWDEN

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Snowden, who after thirty years and at the age of eighty-eight, is retiring as an Ombudsman for residents of both nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Napa County, California. I thank Mrs.

Snowden for her thirty years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Napa County, during which time her advocacy for the rights of seniors living in facilities helped to improve the quality of care for thousands.

Mrs. Snowden began working as an Ombudsman in 1985, first as a volunteer and then later as a member of staff. Initially, the Ombudsman Program was coordinated through the Volunteer Center, before it became a direct service offered by the Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano. In addition to her work as an Ombudsman, Mrs. Snowden has volunteered and worked extensively in the Napa area. She worked as a Quality Control Supervisor for Christian Brothers Winery for fifteen years and was also a Medical Technologist. She has worked at the Blood Bank and as a hospital aide. Mrs. Snowden is a devoted member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa, where she serves on the Altar Guild.

In addition to her work on behalf of the Napa community, Mrs. Snowden is a devoted mother; together with her late husband, Red, she raised four sons in Napa. She is admired by friends for her elegance, tenacity and capacity to teach and mentor others. Mrs. Snowden is known not only for her love of flowers, but also for her talent to create wonderful floral arrangements.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mrs. Snowden for her invaluable service to the senior citizens of Napa. Her unyielding dedication to protecting and improving the quality of care that our seniors receive is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish her a most enjoyable retirement.

SINISE NAVIDAD—IN HONOR OF GARY SINISE AND HIS CAREER AND DEDICATION TO OUR TROOPS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Blue Island, Illinois and our Nation's best, Gary Sinise.

Gary is one of America's finest actors, but it pales in comparison to his tireless dedication to America's military and their families. Following in the steps of like men like Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Rich Little, he is a true patriot. He's got their back.

I ask that this poem entitled "SINESE NAVIDAD," penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

SINISE NAVIDAD

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In Blue Island Illinois a little boy is born

not to be The Forgotten one . . .

For he was no Imposter my son!

"Houston, we've got a problem" this one!

as a youth,

like A Rebel Without A Cause . . .

until something inside him gave pause,

as The Big Bounce had so begun!

His problems, but could he solve them?

Because life can be like The Green Mile,

leaving The Human Stain all the while . . .

like Snake Eyes you just can't run!

To find your passion!

Your life's direction . . .

your SINISE NAVIDAD,  
and your life's quest and satisfaction . . .

From out of The Grapes of Wrath,

as Gary was looking for his path!

As so was Gary's past,

for there can be no greater blessing one  
could ask . . .

then like a Truman to fin your path!

It's like having Christmas everyday to last!

As out there on the road of life,

as out there when you don't think twice!

As when you so find your future dreams to  
cast!

Playing in Bands,

as Gary so thought school was just a bunch  
of rules . . .

and Reindeer Games until he turned the  
page!

And like a true West Side Story,

Gary so soon found out where lie his true  
life's glory . . .

Was but up on a stage . . .

As so soon he became All The Rage!

Like a Albino Alligator he said I'll see you  
later.

And someday, to The West, The True West  
. . .

to Hollywood his heart would make its way!

First, on his magic carpet ride . . .

founding Steppenwolf Theater Company he  
would glide!

While, gaining stature on Broadway!

But he wasn't just,

Being John Malkovich . . .

he was being his true self ovich!

While, getting such great results ovich . . .  
of the likes of which,

like a Mission To Mars such greatness was  
conveyed!

For Gary was a real C.S.I. New York kind of  
guy,

detecting all those great projects as they  
came by!

With The Stand he so took,

all in those roles he so played which made  
people take a second look!

You see, Hollywood is a tough town . . .

as most of us have found!

With The Quick and Dead lying all around,

and no Ransom to be found!

But for all of the right reasons,

Gary's career was became so pleasing . . .

In his life . . . That Championship Season  
. . .

Yea the bastard's got such talent now!

As in our throats we all so got lumps while  
watching Forrest Gump!

As it we quote . . .

As Lt Dan so took command,

showing us all Of Mice and Men,

making all of our hearts pound!

Like George Wallace,

he didn't pussyfoot or find solace in Bruno  
on A Midnight Clear . . .

As we all found what was inside of his heart  
which appeared!

That this man with such great talent,

career was taking off like Apollo 13 here . . .  
Thrusting forth into such bright new worlds  
and future dreams,

with his most brilliant career unfurled so as  
seen!

Making us so all believe,

from My Name Is Bill Wild to Jack The Bear,  
that it's A Gentleman's Game where a Fallen  
Angel could not be saved!

And now over the years,

we have all so become The Witness so clear!  
That Gary has such great talent here!

For there are no Family Secrets,

Gary is such a man of heart who so seeks it!  
With the kind of characters that he plays  
bringing our hearts to tears!

Because he is,

The Caretaker of his craft . . .

And his Road to Nirvana was to act!

As The Landscape of The Body of his work is  
to be revered!