

From a young age, Mr. George worked to develop his expertise in business and entrepreneurship. After graduating from Catholic Central High School, he went on to work with his brother, Sharkey, to establish Melody Farm Dairy Company. From a single milk route, Mr. George and Sharkey grew Melody Farms to a business with over \$150 million in revenue, and a customer base 10,000 strong. He later went on to found George Enterprises LLC with interests in food products, real estate, technology, healthcare and banking.

As a man dedicated to his community, Mr. George felt a responsibility to help empower other aspiring entrepreneurs to achieve success. It was undoubtedly this commitment that led to his leading role in the creation of the Bank of Michigan, a community-oriented institution that specializes in small business lending programs. As a result of Mr. George's leadership, many small business owners have been able to realize their dreams—results that have strengthened the backbone of Michigan's economy.

Mr. George applied his commitment to serving others to every facet of his life. Therefore, it seemed only natural that when his country asked him to serve, he answered its call and proudly defended democracy in Korea. In taking time away from his business interests and family, Mr. George's sacrifices and service helped millions of Koreans to realize their dreams of a free and democratic society.

In Greater Detroit's Chaldean American community, Mr. George was a leader whose actions and vision were instrumental in its development. As the former Chairman of the Chaldean Federation of America and co-founder of the Chaldean Iraqi American Association of Michigan, Mr. George was a driving force behind so many charitable endeavors that assisted newly arrived immigrants and refugees to integrate into their new home country. With his experience and engaging in refugee issues, Mr. George was an important advisor to me and other legislative leaders on the challenges that religious minorities have faced in their ancestral homelands. Specifically, Mr. George's advice was vital to my ongoing efforts to modernize the Refugee Assistance Act.

However, regardless of the transformational impact Mr. George has made on communities, families and lives across the Southeast Michigan region, no achievements brought him more pride than those of his family. To his loving wife, Najat, their six sons, and many grandchildren, he displayed unwavering dedication. Whether it was working in business with his sons or his family's Sunday night dinners, his moments with his family were of the greatest importance to Mr. George.

Mr. Speaker, Michael George approached every endeavor in his life with passion and expectations that allowed him to see the best qualities of those with whom he worked. His belief in the goodness of others was exemplified by his method of engaging in business deals on a simple handshake. With unending optimism and dedication to helping others achieve the success that came to him so early on in his life, Mr. George has touched the lives of many people in Southeast Michigan and has left the region with a brighter future because of his endeavors. While I will miss his leadership, experience and friendship, I know that his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of leaders to be active in the Greater Detroit community.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL BRIAN M. NEWBERRY FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMANDER OF THE 92ND AIR REFUELING WING, FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service of Colonel Brian M. Newberry, Commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

Col. Newberry entered the Air Force in 1991 as a distinguished military graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Since that time, he has flown as an evaluator pilot in the C-17A Globemaster III and has flown missions in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and ALLIED FORCE. Additionally, Col. Newberry served as the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in 2007. Prior to assuming command at Fairchild, Col. Newberry was the Commander, 376th Expeditionary Operations Group, Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyz Republic, directing aerial refueling, airlift, onward movement of troops to Afghanistan and strengthening the partnership with the Kyrgyz Republic.

Since assuming command, Col. Newberry has made caring for Fairchild's Airmen and their families a top priority. With the loss of Shell 77 in Kyrgyzstan which claimed the lives of three Airmen from Fairchild, last year was arguably one of the more difficult years for the base. However, during this difficult time, Col. Newberry's leadership provided a pillar of strength for a base and community in mourning.

Additionally, Col. Newberry has tirelessly worked to strengthen the bond between Fairchild and our community here in Eastern Washington. This year, Col. Newberry championed for the Abilene Trophy 2013 to be awarded to the Spokane community. Presented annually, this award recognizes the community in Air Mobility Command that is most supportive of its local Air Force base. Ultimately successful, in May, Spokane was awarded the Abilene Trophy. Fairchild has been an integral part of our community since 1942, when the City of Spokane and local residents purchased the land and donated it to the War Department and I applaud Col. Newberry for his efforts to strengthen this relationship.

So, today I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel Brian M. Newberry for his service to the United States Air Force and the 92nd Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild. I am grateful for his unyielding dedication to our country and for all of his accomplishments as Commander of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing.

IN HONOR OF OUR CITIZENSHIP DAY VOLUNTEERS

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor the hard-working volunteers who helped make our 20th Annual Citizenship Day a big success.

Thanks to the help of community volunteers, many legal permanent residents began the process of becoming an American citizen during our Citizenship Day workshop on June 21, 2014.

Participants discussed the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of all citizens. Men and women who have lived in the U.S. for decades, but had been too intimidated to begin the process, had the opportunity to take that first step.

Over the years, we've heard so many great stories of those who have gone on to become citizens. I have had the pleasure of attending many naturalization ceremonies in Houston and Harris County. It is inspiring to see the pride and patriotism in the eyes of those who choose to become part of our great country.

None of this would be possible without the help of our volunteers, some of whom have been serving our community since the first Citizenship Day, held in 1994.

We appreciate their time, dedication, compassion and heart to serve our community.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE RALPH FROEHLICH

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and public service of the Honorable Ralph Froehlich, who passed away earlier this week following more than 37 years as Sheriff of Union County, New Jersey.

Sheriff Froehlich was one of the most respected law enforcement officials in the country. His life of public service began as a young man in the U.S. Marine Corps and later as a member of the Elizabeth, New Jersey Police Department for almost 20 years where he attained the rank of Lieutenant.

First elected Sheriff in 1977, Ralph Froehlich was known for his passion to serve, exemplified by his work with children, teenagers and senior citizens. He holds the distinction of being the longest-serving County Sheriff in New Jersey state history.

During his tenure as Union County's top law enforcement officer, Sheriff Froehlich received numerous commendations for his dedication to duty, including the New Jersey PBA Valor Award and Policeman of the Year Award. Always respected by his colleagues, he served four terms as president of the New Jersey Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich was a beloved New Jersey public servant whose law enforcement expertise and professionalism will be deeply missed by the officers he commanded and the people he swore to protect and serve.