

TRIBUTE TO MONTY HALL

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great humanitarian and philanthropist, Monty Hall.

Monty Hall is widely known for his iconic work in daytime television, but what many Americans don't know is that he has spent his life engaged in philanthropic work. Monty Hall has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe and raised an estimated \$1 billion for charities. He has been honored with more than 500 awards for his tireless work.

In 1975, Monty Hall was elected President of the world's largest children's charity, Variety Clubs International, and in 1981 he was honored with the lifetime title of International Chairman. In 1988, he was awarded the prestigious Order of Canada for his humanitarian works around the world. In 2002, he was inducted into the Order of Manitoba. For the past 35 years, he has hosted the annual Monty Hall/Cedars-Sinai Tennis Tournament to benefit the Diabetes Center and Pancreatic Cancer Program.

It is a tribute to Monty Hall's commitment that the children's wings of four hospitals—UCLA Medical Center, Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, Mount Sinai in Toronto, and Johns Hopkins in Baltimore—all bear his name.

Monty Hall has received honorary doctorates from the University of Manitoba, Haifa University in Israel, and Hahnemann Medical College. He and Marilyn, his beloved wife of 66 years, have three children and five grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Monty Hall for his tremendous contributions, which have made lives better for countless individuals in our nation and around the world.

COMMEMORATING THE PASSAGE
OF H.R. 2901, THE PAUL SIMON
WATER FOR THE WORLD ACT OF
2014

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, nearly three-and-a-half years ago, Congressman TED POE and I set out on a joint effort to increase access to clean drinking water and sanitation for the world's poorest. His commitment to work together on this effort was for all of the right reasons. The most important, however, was his clear understanding that politics stops at water.

And last night, our years of work and shared efforts were rewarded when the House passed the bipartisan Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act.

My efforts began over a decade ago, and were encouraged by the late Senator Paul Simon, the namesake of this bill and my 2005 Water for the Poor Act. It's fitting that on this day—the anniversary of his passing on December 9, 2003—Congress would honor his

memory by considering a bill that aims to fulfill one of his greatest passions. This country owes him a great deal for his vision and foresight. Thank you, Senator Paul Simon, and to his wife, Patti, who continues to support his important work.

The passage of the Water for the World Act is historic.

Never before has the U.S. had a Global Water Strategy for how to effectively deal with growing water scarcity in all corners of the world. We now have a blueprint on how to help those in need, while at the same time planning for, and then implementing, efforts to prevent and mitigate water-related conflict. The U.S. can no longer afford to play a modest role, and instead must take up the mantle of leadership. This bill ensures that will happen.

None of this would have been possible if it weren't for efforts of literally thousands of people all across the country that took action and urged Congress to pass the Water for the World Act. In October, I joined CHARLIE DENT and over 60,000 of our closest friends in Central Park for a rally calling on Congress to act on this critical legislation. It worked.

The Water for the World Act was endorsed by over 80 NGOs, nearly half of whom are faith-based organizations. While all played a critical role, there are a few that deserve individual recognition.

Going all the way back to 2005, we would have barely moved the needle if it weren't for Malcolm Morris and Mark Winter of Living Water International.

David Douglas has been a constant source of encouragement and support.

I also want to thank Lisa Schechtman of WaterAid, John Sparks of the Millennium Water Alliance, Lisa Bos of World Vision, John Oldfield of WASH Advocates, and Erin Rein ("Reen") of InterAction. They have been on the front lines of this effort, ready to jump into action at a moment's notice.

Others have been indispensable as well, including Habitat for Humanity, Water.org, and the Global Poverty Project.

I also want to thank my House colleagues who personally invested a great deal of time into bringing this bill to the floor. Without TED POE, the issue of increasing access to clean drinking water and sanitation would not have the bipartisan support and appreciation it deserves. He made this happen. Thank you, TED. I also want to thank Chairman ROYCE. The Chairman went out of his way to make Water for the World a priority and is the latest extension of his efforts to meaningfully reform our aid programs.

Just as important to this effort have been our friends and allies at USAID and the Department of State. Starting with former Secretary of State Clinton, who made water a focal point of her time in Foggy Bottom, and her Special Advisor for Water Resources, Dr. Aaron Salzberg. And Christian Holmes at USAID, the first-ever Global Water Coordinator, with whom I look forward to continuing to work.

Finally, as every Member of Congress knows, we wouldn't make much progress on anything if it weren't for the dedicated, hard-working staff that actually run the place. Without the tireless efforts and expertise from Joan Condon and her colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and from Luke Murry in Congressman POE's office, it would have

been nearly impossible to secure this important victory for water and sanitation.

I want to conclude by thanking my staff. It seems like generations of Team Blumenauer have been involved in this effort at one point or another. From Judah Ariel to Steph Cappa, to Michael Harold, thank you!

Let's hope this shining example of bipartisan cooperation is not only a source of holiday cheer, but also an example all of us in Congress can draw on in the New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ANNA
E. BARRY SCHOOL FOR BEING
NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the Anna E. Barry School of Chicopee, Massachusetts for the honor of being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2014, and to recognize their achievements both in academic excellence and in narrowing education gaps between students.

The Anna E. Barry School currently enrolls students from kindergarten through fifth grade. In its mission statement, the school states that its purpose is "to educate children . . . in order that they may successfully continue with their education, pursue their aspirations and eventually become contributing community members."

The National Blue Ribbon School Program was established in 1982 to honor elementary, middle and high schools which have excellent performance, or which have substantially reduced the performance gap for disadvantaged student populations. Created under Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell, the program was designed to celebrate achievement among public and private schools alike, as well as to encourage the sharing of successful teaching strategies.

With just fewer than 7,900 educational institutions having been named National Blue Ribbon Schools, it is an extraordinary achievement for the Anna E. Barry School to be recognized with this award. The unifying feature of National Blue Ribbon Schools is their commitment and dedication to outstanding educational outcomes for their pupils, and I am proud to count a school from the First District of Massachusetts among them.

In being named a National Blue Ribbon School, the Anna E. Barry School has been recognized for their outstanding work improving the results of both students with special educational needs, and those who have English as a second language. The school's accomplishment has been the product of tailored student teaching, the integration of technology, and the engagement of the community. By focusing on individual achievement and establishing positive lines of communication with families, the Anna E. Barry School has not only improved educational outcomes, but has made learning a collaborative exercise between students, parents and teachers.

The success of the school can also be attributed to the dedication of its teachers and administrators in promoting and advancing the students' education. I wish the school, its staff

and the students well in their future endeavors, and again congratulate them on this remarkable achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR KEVIN TANN

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Kevin Tann, United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major Tann will be moving on from his current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison for the House of Representatives to Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Army Congressional Liaisons provide an invaluable service to both the Military and Congress. They assist Members and staff in understanding the Army's policies, actions, operations, and requirements. Their first hand knowledge of military needs, culture, and tradition is a tremendous benefit to Congressional Staff.

A native of North Carolina, Major Tann graduated from Florida International University in 1999 and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Army's Aviation Branch. He has served in a variety of assignments including service in Alabama, Texas, South Carolina, and the Pentagon. Major Tann was selected for the highly competitive Congressional Fellowship Program and has participated in multiple combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major Tann's military awards include the Army Aviator and Parachutist Badges and Bronze Star Medal, as well as the Iraq Campaign Medal. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University; a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Florida International University; and, a Master of Political Science from George Washington University.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Tann as he proceeds to the next chapter in his remarkable career and continues to serve our great Nation. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Major Tann for his dedicated service to our Country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our Country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Joi, and his son Kevin, all the best as they continue their journey in the United States Army.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUG
HORNER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Doug Horner on the occasion of his departure from elected office in my district.

Mr. Horner was first appointed to the Livermore City Council in July of 2007 and succeeded to a second term in 2009. During his time in office, he was twice appointed to serve

one year terms as Vice Mayor. He has also represented Livermore on a variety of intergovernmental agencies, including the League of California Cities East Bay Division, the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority, and the Intergovernmental Committee with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Prior to serving on the City Council, Mr. Horner was an active member of the Livermore Community, having served on the Livermore Planning Commission, the Design Review Committee, and the City's General Plan Review Committee.

Mr. Horner's commitment to open space and the viticulture industry has helped maintain the character and quality of life of Livermore, maintaining the best of aspects of his community for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Horner for his many years of service to the community and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE (DOP)

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope, one of our nation's pre-eminent international women's organizations.

Since its founding in 1929, these committed women of Hellenic descent and admirers of Greek culture have worked tirelessly to promote the ideals of ancient Greece in the fields of education, philanthropy and civic duty.

Today, the Daughters of Penelope and its 250 chapters around the world strive to strengthen the status of women in society, help the victims of domestic violence both in the United States and in Greece, and raise funding for some of today's most important medical research—among other philanthropic causes.

In 2009, this body along with our colleagues in the Senate recognized the work of the Daughters of Penelope and passed resolutions commemorating its many achievements.

After five more years of exceptional work and dedication, I rise to acknowledge these truly outstanding women and their many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY J. ELLISON,
FOUNDER OF ORACLE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary American visionary, Mr. Larry Ellison, as he steps down from his position as CEO of Oracle, the world-renowned company he founded in Redwood City, California.

Larry Ellison was born in the New York City borough of the Bronx in 1944, and from an

early age showed a keen aptitude for math and science. He attended the University of Illinois where he was named Science Student of the Year and the University of Chicago. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Howard University in 2005.

For more than 35 years Larry Ellison has built and guided Oracle to its current position as the world's largest database-software company and one of the biggest providers of business programs. Oracle has a market capitalization of \$185 billion and annual revenues of \$38 billion, numbers that attest to Ellison's technical brilliance, strategic genius and unsurpassed business acumen.

Larry Ellison worked as a technician for Firemen's Fund, Wells Fargo Bank and as a programmer at Amdahl Corporation, where he was part of a team that built the first IBM-compatible mainframe system. In 1999, Ellison, together with his Amdahl colleagues Robert Miner and Ed Oates, founded Software Development Labs which became Oracle after building a database named Oracle for the Central Intelligence Agency.

A Silicon Valley legend, Larry Ellison is a man of widely diverse interests. He has received many honors, including being inducted into the Academy of Achievement in 1997. He is number five on the Forbes list of world billionaires, and is a generous philanthropist who has given millions to many causes, particularly in the field of medicine. He has signed the Giving Pledge which is a commitment to donate most of his wealth to non-profit organizations. He is the father of two, film producers David and Megan. He's also a pilot and competitive sailor whose team won the America's Cup in 2010 and in 2013.

President John F. Kennedy said, "Americans by nature, are optimistic. They are experimental, inventors, and are builders who build best when called upon to build greatly." Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Larry Ellison, an American icon, for his extraordinary vision and great contributions to American technology. He has enhanced the leadership of our nation around the world by "building greatly."

A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE 33RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound appreciation to the constituents of the 33rd Congressional District of California. It has been a tremendous privilege for me to serve as their representative in Congress for forty years. While the numbers and boundaries of the district have changed four times, generous constituent support has given me latitude to pursue comprehensive solutions to problems that not only benefit us in the district, but benefit our nation as a whole.

It also has been extremely gratifying for me to have the opportunity to assist individuals and families on a more personal level, from helping reunify families more quickly, to getting Section 8 housing vouchers more efficiently, expediting Social Security and Medicare benefits, cutting red tape to ensure military heroes receive the medals they've