

REMEMBERING JIM "LIBBY"
LIBERATORE

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great man in my district, Jim "Libby" Liberatore, who passed away this month at the age of 60. Mr. Liberatore was a former Burlington Township fire chief, and dedicated his life to emergency services and caring for his community.

It is not often that we come across public servants who not only embody the spirit of service, but who approach that service with passion and excitement. Libby was truly one of those men—he began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1971 and went on to fill countless positions and duties over the next 43 years. He spent six years as fire chief and received the State Firefighter of the Year Award in 1992.

His friends and colleagues describe him as the key individual responsible for bringing people together. Mr. Liberatore organized educational trips to conventions, encouraged a spirit of healthy competition, and led fundraisers for the fire station. His devotion to those around him never went unnoticed, and the South Jersey community is greatly improved because of his life and work.

It is my sincere hope that Libby will continue be an inspiration to those who knew him, and that we can all strive to reflect the same values of service, love, and dedication he personified. May he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO MAX MEKUS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Max Mekus for his many years of service on the Ringgold County Board of Health.

For the past 26 years, Dr. Mekus has served as a faithful servant to his county. All members of this board are volunteers and have jurisdiction over public health matters in the county.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Dr. Max Mekus for his service to Ringgold County and wish him the best in his retirement from his duties. I consider it an honor to represent him in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

COLUMBUS NORTH GIRLS
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Columbus North girls basketball team.

The Columbus North girls' basketball team recently captured the team's first state cham-

pionship. The Bulldogs won the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A State Final 62–56 over Homestead High School.

The team embodied the best of Hoosier sportsmanship with their dedication, grit, and execution shown not only in the championship game but throughout the entire season. For the leadership and support of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to Superintendent Dr. John Quick, Principal David Clark, Athletic Director Jeff Hester, Coach Pat McKee, the assistant coaches, all other support staff, and the 27 young women who worked so hard to achieve their championship goal.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Columbus North Bulldogs for their impressive victory. I look forward to seeing what each of these talented young women will achieve in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO JEAN MALUCCIO—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Jean Maluccio of La Crescenta, California.

Jean is a savvy businesswoman who helps oversee the Maluccio Company, a local investment firm, but is best known for her unparalleled volunteerism that benefits the entire Crescenta Valley. Jean served as the Executive Director of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce for more than 18 years, without pay, and continues to have an active role with the chamber as an advisor, and helps ensure the smooth operation of chamber events that include the Taste of the Foothills and Home-town Country Fair. She served as President of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce in 1994, 1995, 2009 and 2010. Jean was also one of the founders of the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association, a nonprofit which organizes an annual 4th of July fireworks display, and works countless hours each year arranging for the carnival entertainment, handling site permits, working with security for the event and selling tickets.

Ms. Maluccio has also been actively involved with Prom Plus, where she was on hand to secure donations of food and serve food to guests at the organization's 20th anniversary gala. She also gives of her time with Relay For Life, an annual 24-hour event held at Clark Magnet High School, where hundreds of people walk on the school field to raise funds to fight cancer. Jean not only obtains the donated food to feed the participants, but also stays for most of the 24 hours to ensure that the food is ready when needed. In addition, Jean also volunteers for the Glendale Police Department, working at the Montrose COPPS substation representing the department in many capacities and answering questions from the public.

A strong supporter of our nation's military, Jean was a driving force in raising awareness and helped organize fundraisers for the refurbishment of the war memorial at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Jean Maluccio.

HONORING YAEL LEVY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, my district is blessed to have an incredible array of natural beauty, and community members that work to highlight and preserve this beauty do a wonderful service for the neighborhood. When it comes to Yael Levy, who founded Riverdale Riverfest, the commitment to highlighting the need for expanded access to our scenic Hudson waterway has turned a simple passion into a community calling.

Yael founded Riverdale Riverfest in June, 2010 in hopes of advancing the timetable for construction of the Hudson River Greenway Link, a waterfront park that would connect the Manhattan Hudson River Greenway to the old Croton Aqueduct Trail in Westchester County.

The festival has become an annual tradition for many, bringing people from all over the Northwest Bronx to the campus of the College of Mount Saint Vincent, which sits on the Hudson's shores. The festival is a great time for the entire family, and offers everything from stage performances and local vendors to boat rides. By giving the community a taste of how wonderful year round public access to the waterfront would be, the festival has gone a long way toward building the public support necessary to make the Greenway Link a reality.

When Yael is not working to expand river access, she is serving as Deputy Chief of the Appeals Bureau at the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, and teaching New York Criminal Practice at St. John's University School of Law.

A proud mother of three, Yael has loved raising her family in Riverdale, and hopes to someday be able to cycle with them along the Hudson without having to start by leaving the Bronx.

This year, The Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council is honoring Yael with the Community Builder Award at their annual Legislative Breakfast. I want to congratulate Yael on this wonderful honor, and thank her for all she has done to enhance and promote our beautiful community.

H.R. 648, THE TRAUMA SYSTEMS
AND REGIONALIZATION OF
EMERGENCY CARE REAUTHOR-
IZATION ACT AND H.R. 647, THE
ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING TRAU-
MA CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS
ACT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am encouraged that today the House will consider two

important public health bills that deal with traumatic injury. These two bills would reauthorize a number of important trauma programs to help equip states to deliver these critical medical services.

Traumatic injury is the leading cause of death for children and adults under the age of 45. After an accident, the care received in the first hour presents the highest likelihood that the patient will survive rapid intervention after a traumatic injury. Without that immediate care, their survival rates decrease by 25 percent. Trauma systems not only provide rapid intervention at the time of injury but also include supporting equipment and personnel, and a continuum of care, including pre-hospital, hospital, and rehabilitation services.

The first bill, H.R. 648, the Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act, which passed the House last year, allows for planning and implementing trauma care systems in the States. The bill would also establish pilot projects for innovative models of regionalized trauma care.

The second bill, H.R. 647, the Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act, reauthorizes two additional trauma programs that will increase the availability of trauma services. Trauma centers should be available for all victims of traumatic injury. Unfortunately, many trauma centers are at serious risk of closure and financial insolvency. In fact, nearly thirty trauma centers have closed in the past fifteen years.

The programs included in this bill will provide critically needed federal funding to help cover uncompensated costs in trauma centers, support core mission trauma services, provide emergency funding to trauma centers, and address trauma center physician shortages in order to ensure the future availability of trauma care for all our citizens.

Mr. Speaker, none of these programs have received funding during the appropriations process in recent years. I hope that our consideration of these measures signals the importance of these programs to Members of Congress. I would like to thank Mr. GREEN and Mr. BURGESS, who are both leaders on trauma care, for their work on these bills.

I urge Members to support H.R. 647 and H.R. 648.

HONORING BRET MARCKX

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bret Marckx. Bret is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bret has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bret has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bret has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bret Marckx for his accomplish-

ments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "BUTCH" MILLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Richard "Butch" Miller, of Creston, Iowa for being inducted into the Iowa High School Officials Hall of Fame.

Over his 27 year career as a sports official, Butch officiated in hundreds of football games, 10 years of football playoffs and one championship football contest. In basketball, he officiated sectional, district and substate game for 17 years, and many girls and boys regular season games. Mr. Miller also officiated softball games and numerous junior college contests.

In addition to these many responsibilities, Butch Miller spent the early 1980s, working with the Harlem Globe Trotters as an official. He traveled to the Far East, South America, Australia and all 50 states. He worked at Madison Square Garden and all the big venues throughout the country.

I am honored to represent Butch Miller and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on this latest honor and wish him the best of luck in the future.

IN HONOR OF THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dillard High School "Lady Panthers" Basketball team for winning the Class 5A Florida State Championship on February 21, 2015. With their 51-35 victory over the Jacksonville Paxon School for Advanced Studies the Lady Panthers brought home their 9th state championship for Hall of Fame coach Marcia Pinder.

Coach Pinder now has the most girls basketball state titles of any coach in state history, and is the winningest coach in Florida high school basketball—boys or girls—history. I would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate all of the outstanding players and coaches for this amazing achievement:

#3 Jamesha Paul, #4 Destiny Frazier, #10 Tiera Wilks, #11 Tyler Wilks, #12 Jacaira Allen, #20 Jade Alexander, #21 Dominique Fields, #25 Jade Wyatt, #30 Ragene Grier, #31 Amber Lee, #32 Courtney Parson, #33 Harmony Adams, #35 Daymia Ware, #40 Katrina Savage, #44 Linsey Francois.

Head Coach: Marcia Pinder, Asst. Coach: George Adams, Asst. Coach: Brandon Adams, Asst. Coach: Tania Miller, Asst. Coach: Enewetok Ramsey, Asst. Coach: Chanell Washington.

The Lady Panthers displayed hard work, perseverance, and dominance on their road to winning the state championship, losing only one game all season and winning their six previous postseason games by an average of nearly 30 points. This state championship is the Lady Panthers' fifth in the last six years—a truly remarkable feat that has made South Florida very proud. I commend the players and coaching staff for their dedication to excellence, and I wish them continued success in the future. Go Lady Panthers!

A TRIBUTE TO LYNN WHITE-SHELBY—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Lynn graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a major in physical education and science, and began her teaching career at Franklin High School in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles, California. Ms. White-Shelby's business career began in the Public Relations Department at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, where she was promptly promoted to Secretary to the President, and later as Assistant to the President and Assistant Director of the Postgraduate Department, developing the first Chiropractic Assistants program. Lynn then went on to work at ACCO Engineered Systems in Glendale, California, as Secretary to the President, which soon led to a management position as their Corporate Insurance and Safety Administrator.

Ms. White-Shelby is a dedicated volunteer. Upon retirement, she jumped right into volunteering at the learning center at the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley, tutoring at the Main Club, and co-teaching a storytelling/acting class at Burbank's Roosevelt Elementary School. She is also a devoted and giving member of the La Providencia Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, serving on numerous committees, working at the Thrift Shop and is currently the First Vice President/President Elect. Lynn also served five terms as President of the Verdugo-Glen Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), where she has been a member for over three decades, and currently serves as the Education Chair, which awards scholarships to women students. In addition, Lynn serves as Vice Chairman on the City of Burbank's Senior Citizen Board, and as Secretary on the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley's Board of Directors.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lynn White-Shelby.