

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRITZ COLEMAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor San Fernando Valley resident and Los Angeles' iconic weathercaster, Mr. Fritz Coleman.

Mr. Coleman started his early career as a disc jockey and radio talk show host for numerous stations across the nation. In 1980, he moved to Los Angeles and soon became a regular act at many of the local comedy clubs. His humor and improvisational stand-up experience propelled him to work on various comedy specials and series, such as "Fritz and Friends" and "The Perils of Parenting" in addition to producing and starring in three one-man plays. His performances have earned him many accolades including four Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards.

In February 1982, Mr. Coleman joined the National Broadcasting Company Southern California news (NBC4) as the weekend weathercaster. Shortly afterwards, he became a weekday weathercaster and has since delivered laughter-filled weather reporting on the evening news. Mr. Coleman once remarked, "Weather can be funny. Your big mission as a weatherman in Southern California is to try to make the same forecast sound slightly different and entertaining every day between April and November when the weather is exactly the same." His tireless work ethic, charisma, and commitment to the community led him to become the face of NBC4's weather segment in Southern California and led him to be named "the Best Weathercaster" by every major newspaper in Southern California.

Always willing to serve the community, Mr. Coleman has organized numerous entertainment fundraising events for local service and civic organizations, and has also served as master of ceremonies for many Southern California community events. His selflessness and dedication to bettering the Los Angeles area has been recognized by many organizations including the Burbank Chamber of Commerce and the California Hospital Medical Center. Mr. Coleman has also been named a "Treasurer of Los Angeles" by the City of Los Angeles and has received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the United States House of Representatives.

It is my great honor to call Fritz a friend, and commend him for his unquenchable community spirit. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in recognizing Fritz Coleman for his exemplary service to the greater Los Angeles community.

MR. R. WAYNE LOWE

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. R. Wayne Lowe today for his contributions to central

Georgia. He has been a leader in his community, and will be honored with the golden eagle award for his achievements.

Sixty years ago, Mr. Lowe became a youth member of the Boy Scouts of America. Throughout his life, he has lived up to the ideals he learned in the scouts, following the principles of the scout oath and scout law.

In his community, Mr. Lowe has achieved distinction as a corporate officer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and public servant. He has given distinguished service to his community and nation as board member of Houston County School Board; director and shareholder of Planters First Bank; lifetime member of the Air Force Association; board member of the Museum of Aviation; member of the First United Methodist Church; member of the 21st Century Partnership; member of the Georgia Automobile Dealers Association; friend of Scouting in the Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America; and supporter of many worthwhile organizations.

Through his actions, service, and devotion, Mr. Lowe has demonstrated that he is a leader, a mentor, and a friend of scouting.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CARMELA TRIPPI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Carmela Trippi, a stalwart supporter of the Democratic Party, who passed away on April 2, 2015 at the age of 105. A beloved voice in Western New York politics, Mrs. Trippi's commitment helped shape our region in a positive way.

Mrs. Trippi's passion for democratic values began in the 1940's where she advocated on behalf of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She went on to become an influential committeewoman for the Democratic Party. In her early political life she contributed to President John F. Kennedy and New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy campaigns and she then became the founder of the Jacqueline Kennedy Woman's Democratic Club, and served as president for over fifty years.

Mrs. Trippi was a prominent voice in the Western New York community. She had ties to former Mayor of Buffalo, Frank Sedita and Former Congressman of Western New York, Henry Nowak. Mrs. Trippi helped influence sweeping change while serving on Congressman Nowak's staff for eighteen years. She also served on the staff of current New York Court of Appeals Judge Eugene Fahey while he was a Buffalo Common Council member.

Mrs. Trippi signified her place in Western New York Political history by working first hand with voters, knocking on doors in the community. Her passion for campaigning never faded. She would go door to door even into her 90's and never wavered in her commitment and support as an Erie County Democratic Committee member.

Mrs. Trippi's work in Western New York has not gone unrecognized. In 2004 she was nominated for the Western New York Women's

Hall of Fame. While her milestone birthdays were always recognized by the community, her 99th birthday was honored by the Erie County Legislature. Mrs. Trippi will be remembered fondly by all members of the Western New York community and recalled for her passion and commitment to Democratic values. Mrs. Trippi believed politics are an essential aspect of life and urged all involved to be genuine and compassionate while serving the public.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor Mrs. Carmela Trippi. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to her family and friends. Her good work and selfless devotion to Western New York will inspire many others to stand behind their principles and be involved in their communities.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an important friend and staunch ally of the United States: Taiwan, as we celebrate the 36th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) of 1979.

This important legislation remains to be the cornerstone of U.S.—Taiwan relations. It stipulates that it is the policy of the United States to "make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability."

In 2001, the Bush Administration agreed to help Taiwan obtain eight diesel-electric submarines. Fourteen years later, Taiwan's submarine fleet continues to consist of four submarines, two of Dutch construction from the 1980s, and two ex-U.S. Navy Guppy-class boats built at the end of World War II. As Beijing has not disavowed the use of force to one day take possession of Taiwan, as Beijing has rapidly expanded and modernized its military across the board since the beginning of this century, and as the balance of military power in the Taiwan Strait continues to shift in Beijing's favor, the rationale for Taiwan to acquire a robust submarine force in order to defend itself from any amphibious threats is obvious.

Late last year, Taiwan decided that it can wait no longer, and is moving ahead with plans to design its own submarine fleet. I believe the U.S. Government should allow American shipbuilders and submarine-technology manufacturers to work with Taiwan, both to assess Taiwan's capabilities and to bid on systems work. Finally, I urge the Obama Administration to encourage other manufacturers of diesel-electric subs to work with Taiwan, regardless of pressure from Beijing.

As we celebrate the 36th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I am honored to have had the opportunity today to lend my voice to the chorus of support for reaffirming our nation's strong bond with the government and people of Taiwan, and I ask my colleagues to support this important issue over the course of this Congress.