

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF WILKES BASHFORD

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great personal sadness that I rise to pay tribute to a legendary, beloved San Francisco figure, Wilkes Bashford, who died on January 16. His world-renowned establishment—the eponymous ‘Wilkes Bashford’—delighted San Franciscans and visitors alike for half a century.

Wilkes Bashford was long celebrated as the man who gave San Francisco its elegance. His life’s greatest pleasure was educating generations of customers about style and about giving back to the community.

Wilkes Bashford paired his fashion success with civic leadership, serving as Board President of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, home to San Francisco’s Symphony, Opera, Ballet and Veterans Building. He guided the renovation of the spectacular Veterans Building and co-chaired the committee to create the new, permanent memorial to our nation’s veterans in the courtyard.

His philanthropic works included support for Partners Ending Domestic Abuse, the Museum of the African Diaspora and Muttville Senior Dog Rescue. Wilkes had a special love for dachshunds and always had one as his faithful companion.

Wilkes arrived in San Francisco in 1959 and opened his original store in 1966. ‘Wilkes Bashford’ became the focus of the San Francisco fashion world. His exquisite taste, vast knowledge of the retail industry and foresight in predicting emerging fashion trends gave his store an international reputation. He introduced designer labels long before others and helped launch fashion careers.

His legendary Friday lunches at Le Central restaurant spanned forty years. Here Wilkes dined and conversed about politics and local goings-on with good friends, Mayor Willie Brown, San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen, Matthew Kelly, Sandy Walker and Harry de Wildt. This long-time group of friends epitomized elegance, sophistication and charm. They enjoyed a special camaraderie and shared not only a love of the good life but a great passion for their city of San Francisco.

Mayor Willie Brown called Wilkes Bashford part of the heart of the city. As we mourn Wilkes’ passing, we remember his committed civic leadership, his career as a luxury clothier, and his life as a very well respected and gentle man. May it bring comfort to all who loved Wilkes that so many cherish his memory as a warm, loving, kind friend and employer—a quintessential gentleman.

HONORING SHERIFF WILLIE
MARCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable law enforcer, Sheriff Willie March.

Sheriff Willie March is a native of Holmes County, MS, where he also received his early, elementary and secondary education. He has served the county in law enforcement since the early 1980’s. In his capacity as sheriff, he also serves as the chief officer of the Chancery and Circuit Courts with responsibilities such as, maintaining the county law library, the county courthouse, jail and protection of prisoners.

Sheriff March has served as President of the Mississippi Sheriffs’ Association in 2009, which includes Sheriffs from 82 counties across the State of Mississippi. His active membership in the association includes serving on the following committees: Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging (TRIAD) Committee; Mental Health Study Advisory Council Committee; Jail Detention and Correctional Committee and he is member of the Black Sheriffs Association, where he and the members were highlighted in the Jackson Advocate newspaper.

In addition to his efforts in fighting crime and trying to keep the county safe, Sheriff March and the Holmes County Sheriffs Department are dedicated to community service including, beautification. In 2005, he was featured in the Holmes County Herald newspaper for his recognition from the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Keep Mississippi Beautiful (KMB). The agency and organization honored him with a 2005 Award of Excellence for his participation in the Inmate Litter Removal Program Partnership. His department’s participation in the MDOT Inmate Litter Removal Program Partnership, helped to remove more than 435,000 bags of litter from state highways.

He also collaborates with schools, churches and non-profit organizations in conducting crime prevention and drug-free workshops and seminars for youth, as well as domestic violence intervention. He, along with local law enforcement and legal leaders coordinated the Just Acting Difference (JAD) program in the county for youth.

Sheriff March was also instrumental in fighting for the successful restoration of federal funds that were cut from the state’s narcotics units.

Sheriff March also served three years in the United States Marine Corps. His awards and accolades are numerous and he established the Crime Stoppers chapter in Holmes County.

Sheriff March and his wife, Peggy, are members of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of rural Lexington, Mississippi, where he serves as a deacon. He and his wife have mentored many young people throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheriff Willie March for his dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ROSE
MCCAFFREY ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Rose McCaffrey on her re-

tirement as the Director of Security for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). For the past thirty-one years, Ms. McCaffrey has held numerous security and managerial assignments throughout the CIA as well as rotational assignments to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, and National Reconnaissance Office.

Prior to her appointment as Director of Security in 2011, Ms. McCaffrey served as Deputy Director of Security from 2008 to 2011 and was responsible for personnel security, facilities security, information security, policy, operations, and anti-terrorism/force protection. In addition, Ms. McCaffrey served in the ODNI at its inception as Director of the Special Security Center responsible for security policy, tools, and training collaboration among the Intelligence Community.

Mr Speaker, on behalf of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I would like to wish Ms. McCaffrey happiness, success, and good health as she begins her retirement and to thank her for her service to both the CIA and the Intelligence Community. Mary Rose, best wishes on your retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES
RAMM HOLM, JR.

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Charles Ramm Holm, Jr. who passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Charlie was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Charles Ramm Holm, Sr. and Ruth Carr Holm. In 1961, Charlie moved away from South Georgia to Washington, D.C. to begin his distinguished 18 year career in the public service. His desire to assist the American people and the U.S. Congress led him to work for Congressman G. Elliot Hagan as well as the Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Liaison for the Executive Office of the President. His commitment to public service continued until his retirement in 1979 while working for the Select Committee on Outer Continental Shelf/ Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Charlie was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Staff Club, Vice President of the Administrative Assistants Association for the U.S. House of Representatives, and President of the Administrative Assistants Association.

Charlie’s efforts still did not end there as he became a mentor to young children and a committed father by coaching his son’s Little League baseball teams.

Charlie is survived by his two sons, Charles R. Holm, III and James Douglas Holm, Sr. and his wife, Janet; his two grandsons, Christian Clarke Holm and James Douglas “Jimmy” Holm, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Ashton Cross Holm, and many nieces and nephews.