

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES CARL
ASCHBACHER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, to recognize the life and legacy of a beloved member of our community on the central coast of California. James Carl Aschbacher passed away on April 25, 2018 with his wife and several dear friends at his side. While his time on this earth may seem short at 66 years, those who knew him understand that he was someone who made the most out of every moment given to him by following his passion and serving his community.

Born October 9, 1951 in Evanston, IL, James began his career as the proprietor of Atlantis FantasyWorld Comic Book Store with his partner, Joe Ferrara. At the age of 40, James discovered his passion for art and gave up retail to pursue art full time. As many talented artists are, James was entirely self-taught and quickly created a positive reputation for his whimsical and distinct style within the Santa Cruz arts community. He created numerous amazing works of art, but was perhaps known best for his pieces involving figures and animals surrounded by magical symbols.

James also found ways to use his unique talents to serve his community. He was a popular Open Studios artist for over 25 years, and the Chair of the Open Studios Committee for the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County. In addition, he devoted himself to arts education by leading 4th and 5th grade students to create murals at various elementary schools in Santa Cruz County where he helped students to create and paint their own creatures.

James had a genuine love for Santa Cruz and its residents, and the feeling was mutual. Those of us lucky enough to have met or spent time with him remember his enduring kindness, generosity, good humor and work ethic. In life, every day was a celebration for James. We, as a community, celebrate his legacy and a life well lived. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join us in honoring the life of James Carl Aschbacher.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBI AND NEAL
NATION

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Debbi and Neal Nation of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 27, 2018.

Debbi and Neal's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

JUDGE ALLAN VOGELSON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Honorable Judge M. Allan Vogelston of Cherry Hill, Camden County, located in the First Congressional District of the Great State of New Jersey, for his decades of public service.

The Honorable Judge Vogelston served as the Camden County Presiding Judge for the Camden County Superior Court, for more than twelve years. For eight years, he served as Presiding Judge, for the Camden County Superior Court, Civil Division and subsequently appointed to preside over the Camden County Superior Court, Chancery Division.

Prior to serving as Presiding Judge for the Camden County Superior Court, Judge Vogelston served as the Assistant Prosecutor for Camden County and in 1971 elected as a freeholder to the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, with tenure as the Freeholder Director.

In the community he both loved and called home, Judge Vogelston served with distinction: on the New Jersey State Legislature Re-appointment Committee, as a member of the Camden County College Board of Trustees, and on the Board of Trustees of the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County, New Jersey.

Judge Vogelston was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, forerunner, role model and exceptional public servant who was a tireless advocate for others, and is deeply missed. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join with me in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of the late Honorable Judge M. Allan Vogelston.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF ARTHUR GASKINS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Danville resident, Mr. Arthur 'Art' Gaskins.

Art was born on August 29, 1918 in Lufkin, Texas to parents Winnie Davis Allwine and Arthur Earl Gaskins. He attended John Tarleton College in Texas and joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. After completing two years at John Tarleton College, Art enlisted in the Army where he assumed the rank of Corporal and was assigned to Fort Knox for armored training. He was later promoted to Company Commander of the Army and sent to Cavalry School in Fort Riley to study advanced tactics. He went on to serve in Europe during World War II and was tasked with maintaining the emergency communications system for his combat division, which earned him a Bronze Star Medal.

After he retired from active duty in December 1946, Art lived for many years in San Leandro before moving to Danville. Art was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 75 and a docent coordinator volunteer for the military museum at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley. He continued to serve his community until his unexpected passing on June 17, 2018.

Art is survived by his daughter Lynne, stepdaughter Sharon (Jeff), grandchildren Jennifer (Ross), Scott (Annabelle), Lindsay (Kristopher), and Thomas, and his great grandchildren Jordan, Grant, Kacey, Tanner, Maxwell, and Kellan.

He will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, and will be remembered for his endless service to this country.

COMMENDING VIRGINIA STATE
UNIVERSITY FOR WINNING THE
'HBCU OF THE YEAR' AWARD

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Virginia State University for being named the 'HBCU of the Year' by HBCU Digest.

Founded in 1882, Virginia State University, also known as Virginia State, is a historically black public land-grant university located in Ettrick, Virginia. Virginia State was the United States' first fully state-supported four-year college for African-Americans and is a member school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

Virginia State is a renowned institution of higher learning, producing impressive, highly-qualified graduates in a variety of important fields—including agriculture, education, and business. Virginia State is an acclaimed institution for attracting and retaining first-time college students, helping to open opportunities to communities of color across the country and expanding access to well-paying, 21st century jobs. Virginia State also boasts a variety of impressive and decorated athletic programs.

Virginia State, over its rich 116-year existence, has been distinguished by an impressive and influential faculty and administration.

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