

Born in Connecticut, Arnie Rosenfield attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned his J.D. in 1971. That same year he married Phyllis Ann Rubins, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Asa.

Judge Rosenfield began his career as a Deputy District Attorney in San Luis Obispo County, CA, where he demonstrated early on his passion to serve those not always well-represented in the justice system. He handled one of the first large successful consumer protections trials in California, and in 1977, after taking the same position in Sonoma County, he established a Consumer Protection Unit. He later opened a private practice and served as the first Commissioner of Sonoma County Superior Court before being elected Superior Court Judge in 1984, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 2009.

The majority of Judge Rosenfield's cases involved the juvenile court, and he was always a strong advocate for children at risk for emotional trauma. In 1996 he initiated the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Sonoma County, which advocates for the needs of abused children caught up in the justice system. He instigated the development of the Redwood Children's Center for easing the process of interviewing and examining these children and has been a supporter of Social Advocates for Youth, the Valley of the Moon Foundation, Jewish Children and Family Services, and the Parent Education Project of Sonoma County. He also served on the Advisory Committee on Juvenile & Family Law for the California Judicial Council. "I have been very involved in my career in trying to make the court system work better for kids and families who find themselves caught up in it," he says.

Judge Rosenfield was also a strong proponent of restorative justice, an approach in which offenders work with the victims and the community for repair of the harm they have done. He used these techniques, especially for kids, before there was an actual movement and became a leader in the field as well as an instructor at Sonoma State University, Empire Law School, and California Judicial College.

For his work, Judge Rosenfield has received numerous awards including Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association and the 2009 Rex Sater Award from the Sonoma County Bar Association for Excellence in Family Law.

Madam Speaker, Judge Arnold Rosenfield has provided Sonoma County with a legacy of innovative programs and, more importantly, an example of what passionate leadership can accomplish. "It's my belief that for the most part what we do to kids and families here in the justice system continues to be destructive," he says, "and I've spent my time trying to make it more constructive. I try to care about the families that I see and am very gratified to see lives turn around." Thank you, Judge Rosenfield, for the many lives you have turned around and for showing us what can be done in the name of justice.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIDE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 35th Annual Capital Pride, a celebration of the national capital area's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, GLBT, communities and their families and friends.

In 1975, Deacon "Super Hero" MacCubbin, owner of Lambda Rising Bookstore, in Dupont Circle, launched the first Capital Pride. It began as a block party on 20th St, between R and S Streets, NW. Six years later, in 1981, the annual Pride Parade became part of the festivities. Now Capital Pride consists of more than 10 days of events organized by the Capital Pride Planning Committee and dozens of local community partners.

This year's Capital Pride theme, "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet," both reflects Capital Pride's past and anticipates its future.

Capital Pride's producer, the Capital Pride Alliance, Inc., predicts an attendance of 250,000, making Capital Pride one of the largest GLBT festivals in the United States.

This year Capital Pride culminates with what the Washington City Paper has declared D.C.'s Best Parade for three years running, the Capital Pride Parade, on June 12, and "The Main Event," a street fair on Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, on June 13.

I have marched in Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize universal human rights and the importance of enacting federal legislation to secure those rights for the GLBT community. Congress has much work to do. We must pass the Family Leave Insurance Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Respect for Marriage Act, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act, the Uniting American Families Act, and the Responsible Education About Life Act.

This year our nation's capital joined Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in extending equal marriage rights to its GLBT residents.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming those who are attending the 35th Annual Capital Pride.

CELEBRATING THE DENTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the completion of the Denton County Veterans Memorial. This memorial represents the bravery and selfless sacrifices of veterans who have served in United States

Armed Forces. These men and women have performed their duty to our country with honor.

The Denton County Veterans Memorial assures that the legacy of veterans from all services will not be forgotten by the residents of Denton County. Inspired by veterans who dedicated their service to protecting the freedom of the United States, the Denton County Veterans Memorial honors the service members who have served the United States past, present, and in the future.

Since the founding of our great nation, the members of our armed forces have been charged with the responsibility for defending the United States. Currently, many men and women serve around the world protecting and defending our security and sovereignty. While paying tribute to our fallen heroes, this memorial also acknowledges our soldiers who have returned home to their families and loved ones. America has more than 23 million living veterans, and we are inspired by their devotion and commitment to the United States as demonstrated through their service.

Today, as citizens, we have been made stronger by the bravery and courage of our veterans. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in commemorating the Denton County Veterans Memorial to honor the great men and women who have served the United States in war and peace, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who stand in harm's way.

HONORING MRS. NANCY EGBERT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator, Mrs. Nancy Egbert.

Since the very beginning of her teaching career, Nancy Egbert demonstrated skill, leadership, and a unique ability to positively impact the children fortunate enough to be in her classroom. After graduating from Northern Michigan University in 1967 with a B.S. in education, she established herself as a versatile educator, teaching subjects ranging from journalism and business education at the high school level to reading, math and social studies to elementary school students. In 1984, Nancy Egbert tallied another achievement to her résumé when she obtained a certification in elementary education from Michigan State University.

In 1986 she was hired at St. Gerard's, a Catholic school in Lansing, as a second grade teacher, where she has served since. Her subsequent twenty-five year commitment to molding young minds during their most formative stage is in itself a testimony to her passion and commitment to high-quality religious education. It is in no small part thanks to her hard work that St. Gerard's has won the prestigious Michigan non-public school accrediting association (MNSAA) award for excellence for 2009-2010.

Throughout her time as an educator in Michigan, she has helped shape countless young lives, serving as a role model and leader in religious education. I commend Nancy