

for the law." Then when he got into high school and participated in law camp, it further spurred his interest in the legal profession.

"Looking at him as a lawyer, he is a good example of what you want to be," Duggan said in a phone interview from Turkey. "I saw the way people respected him. He did a good job of bringing a lot of people from the Bar out and supporting the effort. Not many people could do that."

Horne, along with McCahill, also presided over Loudoun's Drug Court until the Board of Supervisors cut its funding last year. A common target for budget cuts before it was eliminated in 2012, Horne often spoke passionately about the program and the impact it can have, telling supervisors in 2009 that he would "rather take home hours of homework" than see the program cut.

He calls his work for the community "an extension of being a judge."

"I tell the new judges—that is my advice—don't go and hide. Don't sit up on high. Be out in the community; get out with people. Yes, you have your judicial ethics, and you don't talk about your cases, but you need to talk with people, and know them and understand them. You need to understand people," he said.

And Horne's influence on Loudoun's community stretches far beyond the legal system. In the early 1980s, he helped youth soccer form in the county, and at the end of that decade he formed the Loudoun County Youth Lacrosse League. The sport was one of his passions growing up, and one he passed on to his son, Rob.

"I distinctly remember our first catch. I had my baseball mitt and then we would trade off [with the lacrosse stick]," Rob Horne said. "I really took to it very quickly. I think he saw how passionate I was about the sport, and he wanted to provide me with an outlet . . . and in 1989 he founded lacrosse in the county."

Rob Horne said his father is his hero, in no small part because of his passion for his community and his ability to be just as passionate about his family. Growing up the son of a judge, Rob Horne always faced questions about a perceived strict household.

"[My friends] thought that things were incredibly strict and heavy handed in our house. They were not," he said. "My father had an amazing ability to leave the office, the courthouse, behind. He never carried any of that baggage home."

In addition to his dedication to youth sports, Horne is a former Boy Scouts cub master, Loudoun County High School PTA president and the first chairman of Loudoun County High School's all-night, drug-free graduation organizing committee.

"He has this selfless approach that he has taken throughout his adult life in all facets of our community," the younger Horne, now a teacher at Middleburg Academy, said. "It is this inexhaustible energy that he has. That is something that I have really tried to draw from him. When you undertake an endeavor, you really see it through. Be passionate about what it is that you do, either professionally or in some extracurricular activity."

Beyond the tangible work Horne does in Loudoun that will be absent with his retirement, it is the intangible that will be impossible to replace.

"I have dreaded 2013 for so long," Paice said. "I have always had a feeling that as long as he was in that courthouse justice was going to be done, whether it was in front of him or not. Divorce, criminal, land use, he

was going to be there to be sure that justice was done. And he is not going to be there. It is totally an end of an era for this community."

Duggan, who also worked for him as a law clerk one summer, said one of the things Horne worked to instill in him was the importance of people—something he tries to remember every day he works as an attorney. Duggan said he has an "indelible mark" on him of Horne placing his hands on his shoulders and telling him:

"The law programs, the buildings they are all great, but at the end of the day it is the people that really make the system work . . . it doesn't matter if you don't have the right people."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rolcall No. 635, I was unable to be present for H.R. 3212. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LENAWEЕ CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25 years of service provided by the Lenawee Christian Family Centre to the community of Adrian, Michigan.

The "Centre," as it is popularly known, offers a variety of fitness, sports and other programs enjoyed by over 4,000 members of the community. The brainchild of local philanthropists Orville and Ruth Merillat, the Centre was originally built on a vision of providing a place for young people in the community to gather. While the Centre has grown over the years and their programs have changed, the underlying mission has remained the same: to encourage families and serve them in a Christ-centered way.

I had the distinct honor to have served on the founding board of the Centre and continue to be impressed to see how they've grown over the years to meet a great need in the Adrian community and all of Lenawee County.

Today, the Centre offers fitness options that range from a pool and exercise equipment to a climbing wall and handball courts. They have a cafe, an auditorium, and host a number of classes, wellness programs and family-oriented events. Through all these offerings, which are available to everyone in the community, the Centre seeks to promote and support Christian values and ideals.

Mr. Speaker, it is organizations like the Centre that strengthen our civil society and meet the needs of our communities in a way the government never can. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Centre's 25 years of service and thank them for their continued contributions to the Adrian community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN NAO YENG VANG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Captain Nao Yeng Vang, who passed away on November 16, 2013 at the age of 67. Captain Vang was an extraordinary person, and he will always be remembered as an iconic hero to the Hmong people.

Captain Vang never attended school, but learned to read, write, and speak Lao fluently on his own. In 1964, at 18 years old, he was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and served as a Captain under the late General Vang Pao during the Vietnam War. He bravely fought and directed Hmong soldiers to fight against communists and saved many American soldiers from torture.

In February 1965, Captain Vang married Yia Vang in Ban Soun, Laos. They were married for 38 years until Mrs. Vang passed away on October 18, 2003. They had six sons: Moua Pao Vang, Chia Neng Vang, Kou Vang, Thai Vang, Ger Vang, and Nou Vang, and seven daughters: Ka Ying Vang, My Vang, Kia May Vang, Maiyer Vang, Pa Houa Vang, Stacey Bao Vang, and Kathleen Kalia Vang.

Captain Vang and his family settled in Nampong, Thailand on May 13, 1975. They lived in Thailand for three years as refugees before receiving asylum from the United States government in 1978. The Vang family resided in Hamilton, Montana where Captain Vang worked as a press operator for three years. In 1980, he co-founded the Lao Family branch in Montana. The organization was developed to help and empower refugees to adapt and become successful members of American society.

The Vang family eventually moved to Fresno, California in 1982. Captain Vang was an independent farmer in Fresno for 16 years. As a farmer, he was able to engage in Hmong and American politics. He encouraged the Hmong community to vote during election cycles. Voting was a very important aspect in his life because in Laos, citizens did not have the right to vote and speak freely. Due to his involvement with American politics, he was able to meet former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as well as many state, county, and city elected officials.

Captain Vang was a member of Lao Veterans of America, Inc. He served as an advisor to the Hmong community and participated in various organizations as a community leader, educator, and cultural advisor. When he spoke at community events he urged the Hmong community to be productive citizens, to be united, and to love and support one another. He was a tireless supporter of education and encouraged students to stay in school and pursue a higher education.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Captain Nao Yeng Vang. He will always be remembered as an influential member of our very important Hmong community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
BILL KREITLEIN

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, a true friend of veterans in the State of Alabama, Bill Kreitlein, is retiring after many years of loyal service in my district office in Birmingham. On this occasion I would like to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives his dedicated work on behalf of our men and women in uniform as well as the entirety of his service to the district.

Bill was one of the first people I asked to join my district office staff when I was originally elected in 1992. He has been a primary liaison for my constituents to a variety of federal agencies. Bill has served two "tours of duty" as a permanent full-time employee and more recently as an invaluable part-time staff member. His personal style has been to work in a respectful and determined way to try to solve problems for people.

As a member of the Alabama National Guard from 1966 to 1972, Bill was the natural choice to handle military and veterans affairs issues in my district office. The members of our military, their families, and veterans have greatly benefited from his concern, diligence, and effectiveness. He has worked tirelessly to help veterans obtain rightfully-earned benefits, health care, and military honors and to address challenges facing active duty members. Bill's unique blend of maturity, experience, and insight has provided relief and comfort to many military families during times of great distress. As a result, Bill is held in the highest regard by veterans groups in the Birmingham region and the State of Alabama.

Bill is a native son of Alabama, having been born in Mobile on May 11, 1941. After attending high school in Pensacola, Florida, he received his bachelor's degree from Livingston State College in Livingston, Alabama. Like many conservatives of his generation, he began his involvement in politics during the presidential campaign of Barry Goldwater in 1964. He has been active on the Republican State Executive Committee in Alabama, run for the Jefferson County School Board, and worked on my first campaign for Congress.

Because of his unwavering devotion and steadfast pursuit of excellence in his duties, Bill has been a great asset to me and the people of the Sixth District. The quality most associated with Bill by anyone who has come in contact with him on either a professional or personal basis is "kindness." He has demonstrated how to achieve success by living out one's faith and principles and by treating all individuals with respect and decency, and that is a wonderful and satisfying legacy to have established during a distinguished career in public service.

CONGRATULATING DANA ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL FOR BEING
NAMED A 21ST CENTURY LEARN-
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TURY SKILLS

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dana Elementary School in Hendersonville, North Carolina, for being named a 21st Century Learning Exemplar School by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21).

The 21st Century Learning Exemplar Program seeks to identify, document, promote and celebrate examples of successful 21st century learning across the country. For the past 10 years, P21 has advocated for 21st century readiness for every student.

Last spring, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction nominated Dana Elementary for the 21st Century Learning Exemplar Program. After visiting classrooms and interviewing teachers and students at the school, P21 stated, "A coordinated effort between school leadership and teachers helps students develop problem-solving skills, a collaborative mindset and a goal-oriented approach to learning."

Dana Elementary has also been awarded one of six National School Change Awards from the National Principal Leadership Institute.

In May, I had the opportunity to visit Dana Elementary and see the school's innovative teaching techniques firsthand. By combining a dynamic curriculum and modern technology, Dana Elementary engages students and prepares them for the future.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate Principal Kelly Schofield and the entire team at Dana Elementary for being named a 21st Century Learning Exemplar School and thank them for their commitment to our future leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF EDWARD O. WATTS, SR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Edward O. Watts, Sr., director of Watts Architecture & Engineering, who passed away on October 31, 2013 in Buffalo at the age of 70.

A native of the State of Alabama, Mr. Watts attended school there, graduating from Camden Academy. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tuskegee University, and went on to gain his master's degree from Baldwin Wallace College.

Mr. Watts began his career at Lockheed Martin in Atlanta as a design engineer, and moved on to work for DuPont in Cleveland, Ohio, before being transferred to Niagara

Falls. He was able to follow the American Dream and start his own business, now known as Watts Architecture & Engineering. The company began with just one employee—Mr. Watts himself—and now employs about 100 people. Recently, the firm celebrated its 25th anniversary. Mr. Watts received many business and design awards for his work, perhaps the most prominent being the U.S. Small Business Administration Graduate Firm of the Year Award in 2010.

Dedicated to giving back to communities that helped him grow, Mr. Watts was a member of the Tuskegee University Alumni Association, and frequently returned to the school to raise funds to upgrade the engineering department and for scholarships. He helped fund the Watts Family Scholarships at Alabama State University in honor of his mother, who was a graduate of the university. Mr. Watts also generously contributed to schools in his native Western New York. His company provides scholarships every year at the University at Buffalo for minority students, one for the School of Engineering and one for the School of Architecture. Mr. Watts completed the University at Buffalo Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Program, and for more than 10 years he returned as a mentor for numerous business owners.

Mr. Watts was a member of the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church and served on its board of trustees as church treasurer. His favorite pastime was playing the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama—a passion he pursued at home as well. He organized the Watts Open Golf Tournament for his employees as well as the American Institute of Architects/American Council of Engineering Consultants of Western New York Golf Tournament.

Mr. Watts's dedication to his community was equaled by his love for his family.

Together, he and his wife of forty-four years, Lydia, raised two sons, Edward and Jonathan. Mr. Watts was close with his siblings, Dr. Vivian DeShields, Claudette Camp, Dr. Geraldine Bell, and Harold Watts.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize Mr. Watts's incredible contributions to Buffalo's architecture and engineering community, as well as his admirable philanthropy. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, and am truly appreciative of all his great works.

HONORING THE TUTWILER FU-
NERAL HOMES 220 HANCOCK
STREET AND 218 HANCOCK
STREET AND MRS. ANN COUTEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two historic sites in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi. The Tutwiler Funeral Homes are both located in Tutwiler, MS.

Mr. Speaker it is important that I make mention of the addresses of the Tutwiler Funeral Homes. The original one is located at 220