

He was best known, of course, for being a politician. Articles about Bill Coyne always described him as quiet. But that belied his passion and his commitment. He worked incredibly hard for the things he believed in. Economic development and opportunity, equality, measures to help the working class. He was sometimes described as an old-fashioned Democrat. I think he was very proud of that—proud to be called liberal or progressive. Not that he'd ever brag about it. Billy never cared for grandstanding, never sought the limelight.

To me, his legacy is not just about what he did, it's about how he did it. Billy was civil, sincere, genuine, and honorable. He epitomized everything that's good and noble about the title "public servant". He simply wanted to help people. He got involved in politics in the late 60s, he said, because of the conditions of the country. He wanted to make a difference. And that's what he and his dedicated staff did.

In a 1986 profile of Billy in the Pittsburgh Press, Tip O'Neill summed it up nicely: "You can get a lot done for your constituents when you have the respect and admiration of your colleagues," he said. "And Bill Coyne is one of the best liked guys down here." Incidentally, when Billy heard that the Press wanted to do a story on him, he had a one-word response: "Why?"

Billy was more than a politician. He was a kind and generous uncle. He was thoughtful and warm. He loved being with Kathy and hosting Christmas dinners with her. He loved being with his nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was happy being in Pittsburgh, living a short walk from Halket Street, where he grew up. And he was energized by the visits he and Kathy made to Ireland several times each year.

For his brother Philly's 90th birthday, a group of us travelled to Ireland. Billy and Kathy were our guides. Billy's excitement was infectious. He was like a little kid, reveling in the music, the scenery, the streetscapes, the people, being with our relatives. He wanted so much for us to be a part of it. It reminded me of how he'd treat people who visited him in Washington.

I lived there for a few years while Billy was in office. He'd sometimes sneak me and a friend onto the floor of the House of Representatives for small occasions, like the State of the Union Address. It was never to show off. Billy wasn't in the habit of trying to impress people. I just think he saw the House floor in the same way he and others who grew up in Oakland saw Forbes Field. It's historic, and it's hallowed ground. But it's sort of public property . . . you don't really need a ticket to get in. The fact that it was there was permission enough.

Billy did those sorts of things all the time. He'd go out of his way to do something if he thought it would make you happy. The fact is, Billy would go out of his way for anyone, anytime. Selfless hardly begins to describe his compassion and his sense of service. That's how he worked his job. That's how he lived his life.

His passing is a profound loss for Kathy, for Philly, and for our whole family. We were blessed to have had him in our lives, and we will miss him dearly.

There's a quote, attributed to an ancient Chinese philosopher, whom Billy was fond of. Kathy gave it to me. She said that Billy carried it around in his wallet. It obviously meant a lot to him, and I'd like to close by reading it:

A leader is best when people barely know he exists

Not so good when people obey and acclaim him

Worse when they despise him

But of a good leader who talks little, when his work is done they will say:
"We did it ourselves"

HONORING REP. HELEN DELICH BENTLEY

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, a longtime member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a champion of the Port of Baltimore and a dear friend on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Congresswoman Bentley is a former journalist who worked as a reporter and editor for the Baltimore Sun, where she developed her lifelong passion for the Port of Baltimore and Chesapeake Bay. She then hosted a TV program about the Port focusing on maritime and transportation issues. She was elected to represent Maryland's Second Congressional District in 1985 and served the next four terms. She chaired the Federal Maritime Commission and became a strong advocate for responsible trade policies, the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet and, of course, American ports. As chair, she was then the fourth-highest ranking woman in federal government history, the first woman to serve in a key government position in the maritime field and the first woman appointed by a President to head a regulatory agency.

It is because of Congresswoman Bentley's decades of dedication, passion and advocacy that the Port of Baltimore will continue to prosper and provide honest, good-paying jobs to many Maryland families for generations to come. In 2006, the Port was rightly renamed the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore.

Congresswoman Bentley continues to exercise her expertise in the maritime and manufacturing industries as President and CEO of Helen Bentley & Associates, Inc. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Baltimore Museum of Industry. While too numerous to list in their entirety, Congresswoman Bentley is the recipient of countless awards and accolades. In 2006, she earned the Governor's International Leadership Award and was named the 2010 William Donald Schaefer Industrialist of the Year. She was inducted into the International Maritime Hall of Fame in 2004 and has earned 10 honorary doctorates.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Congresswoman Bentley for many years. Once political rivals, I consider her a mentor and trusted advisor, especially on maritime issues. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley. The citizens of Maryland have been lucky to have her as a champion all these years. It is with great pride that I wish her the happiest of birthdays and many more years of success.

HONORING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THEIR GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the following law enforcement personnel who have recently been honored by the Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association for their tireless service and continued willingness to put their lives on the line to protect our communities. These honorees include: Trooper Ronnie Riggs, Deputy Greg E. Lambert, Deputy Stephen A. Moore, Officer George Bell, Sergeant Travis Short, Officer John Dixon, Investigator Greg Frenzel and Sheriff Lenny Millholland.

Senior Trooper Ronnie Riggs has served the Virginia Department of State Police for over 10 years. Working out of the state police barracks in Kernstown, Trooper Riggs has become a tremendous asset to the area through his efforts to improve public safety. Trooper Riggs' service to the community and professionalism are seriously appreciated.

Chief Deputy Travis Sumption began his career as a communications officer with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in February 1993. In 1998, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff and after an assignment as a traffic enforcement deputy in 2004, he became the first person to hold the title of First Sergeant in Clarke County. In 2006, he worked with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office regional drug task force and supervised the general investigations and gang units. After graduating from the Virginia Forensic Science Academy in 2008, he successfully managed a complex, multi-jurisdictional murder case. I wish him all the best in his new role of Chief Deputy.

Deputy Greg E. Lambert has served the Winchester Sheriff's Office since 2011. He came to the sheriff's office with previous experience with the Winchester Police Department and the U.S. Capitol Police. He excelled in his work with the "Don't Bust the Bus" operation designed to ticket offenders for passing school buses and is also involved with Project Life-saver, a program to save the lives and reduce injury of the elderly, as well as those who suffer from cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's and autism. He is a member of the North and South End Citizens Groups, which focus on eliminating crime in the City of Winchester. Deputy Lambert's hard work and commitment to keeping citizens safe is greatly appreciated.

Deputy Stephen A. Moore serves the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. This summer he demonstrated courage when he rescued a mother of five from her burning home. He got the mother out of the house safely, and then ran back into the home when it was engulfed in flames and full of smoke to ensure that all of the children were safe. I commend him for his outstanding ability to remain calm and focused in a crisis.

Officer George Bell serves the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center and was recently honored for his remarkable efforts to prevent the escape of a high-risk inmate. Officer Bell showed resolve when he took action to address the situation and protect the civilians who would have otherwise been in grave

danger. I appreciate his hard work and service to the community.

Sergeant Travis Short serves Mount Weather Police Department. Recently, he was recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and also received a Life Saving Award. In August, he was the first responder to a critical scene where an individual was in cardiac arrest and severely bleeding. He took decisive and immediate action to save the person's life. Sergeant Short's focus on training and his preparedness in crisis greatly benefit the community he serves so well.

Officer John Dixon serves the Winchester Police Department and was recently recognized for resuscitating a young woman who was suffering from an overdose. This was the second time he saved someone in critical condition. Officer Dixon is an excellent police officer and a leader among his peers—his colleagues frequently applaud the high quality of his investigations. His good police work makes him a committed role model to all those who serve.

Investigator Greg Frenzel has served the Berryville Police Department since 1997. He began his career as a patrol officer and now serves as an investigator where he conducts investigations involving major property loss and crime. Additionally, he has worked as a firearms instructor and serves with the regional Criminal Justice Academy. Berryville Chief of Police Neal White has submitted Investigator Frenzel as the 2013 nominee of the year, citing his valuable contributions to the department throughout his career. I congratulate Investigator Frenzel on this nomination and commend him for his diligent investigative work.

Sheriff Lenny Millholland has served the City of Winchester since 1979. I have known and worked with Lenny for many years. He began his career as a Cadet Deputy for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office in Maryland, where he worked for two years before accepting a position with the Winchester Police Department. During his tenure with the Winchester Police, he rose through the ranks from patrol officer, K9 Handler, Investigator, and Lieutenant for the Criminal Investigative Division, which handles murders, rapes and robberies. He is also a graduate of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, the Maryland State Police K9 Academy and the FBI National Academy Session 188. In 2001, he was elected Sheriff of the city of Winchester and shortly after completed the National Sheriff's Institute in Longmont, Colorado. Over the course of his term as Sheriff, he has been appointed to a number of committees and boards that service law enforcement and local non-profit organizations. He is also a past president of the Virginia Sheriffs Institute, which trains Sheriffs in Virginia. I commend Lenny on his outstanding career and thank him for his committed service to the Shenandoah Valley over the years. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

I am proud to join with the Horseshoe Benevolent Association, which has been honoring local law enforcement since 2004, to recognize these officers for their bravery, dedication and strength. We owe them a sincere debt of gratitude for their service to the 10th District.

I submit the following Winchester Star article on the Horseshoe Benevolent Association's annual police appreciation dinner.

[From The Winchester Star, Nov. 5, 2013]
CITIZEN GROUP HONORS LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT
(By Val Van Meter)

PINE GROVE—The Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association honored eight area law enforcement personnel recently for their service to the community in 2013.

Those attending the event at the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company in Pine Grove also gave retiring Winchester Sheriff Lenny Millholland a special tribute for his 12 years in office.

Association spokesman Jim Wink said the gathering was to recognize local police and security officers who put their lives "on the line" to protect the community.

Each of the officers honored received a plaque from the association and a certificate of appreciation from the Virginia House of Delegates, sponsored by Dels. Joe May, R-Leesburg, and Beverly Sherwood, R-Fredrick County.

Honorees were:

Frederick County Sheriffs Office Deputy Stephen A. Moore, who was on his way to a court hearing on June 18 when he saw smoke coming from a residence at 300 N. Kent St. in Winchester and learned that a child might be in the house.

Despite it not being his jurisdiction, he went to the scene—and when the mother of the child re-entered the building he followed her and brought her back out. He then re-entered the house with two city police officers, though he was unable to save the child.

Moore's boss, Sheriff Robert Williamson, said his actions are "a mirror image of what we all should be."

Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center officer George Bell, who was nominated for his actions Aug. 12 in subduing an inmate who tried to escape while being treated at the Winchester Medical Center. Bell fought off an attempt by the inmate to snatch his gun and then pursued him through the hospital and captured him in the lobby.

Mount Weather Police Department Sgt. Travis Short, who was honored for responding to a 911 call Aug. 16 for a Federal Emergency Management Agency employee in cardiac arrest. As first responder on the scene, he began measures that were credited with saving the employee's life.

Winchester Police Officer John Dixon, who was nominated for resuscitating a young woman who was suffering from a drug overdose. His action on Sept. 26 was the second time that Dixon had been able to restore someone's breathing.

State Police Trooper Ronnie Riggs, who has served on the force for more than 10 years.

Riggs, who works from the Kernstown Barracks, was praised for his "professionalism" in enforcing criminal statutes and driving safety efforts.

Clarke County Sheriffs Office Chief Deputy Travis Sumption, who joined the department as a communications officer and moved to a deputy position in 1998. Sumption was later appointed first sergeant and became one of the few members of the county's investigative unit, working with the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force and on gang activities.

Winchester Sheriffs Office Deputy Greg E. Lambert, who was cited for a number of community policing efforts including work on an enforcement program to stop drivers from passing school buses that are picking up or dropping off students.

Berryville Police Department Investigator Greg Frenzel, who was nominated for his professionalism in handling investigations, especially those involving major property loss and crimes against persons.

Clarke County Sheriff Anthony "Tony" Roper praised retiring Winchester Sheriff Lenny Millholland, who he said exemplifies the concern a sheriff should have for his community.

Roper said Millholland originally planned to study veterinary medicine at Allegany College in Cumberland, Md., but switched to criminal justice.

Millholland joined the Winchester Police Department in 1979 and moved from patrol officer to canine handler, investigator and then lieutenant for the Investigative Division.

He was elected city sheriff in 2001.

Roper said Millholland has served on numerous boards and committees in both law enforcement and for nonprofit organizations serving the community.

He is a past president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute, a nonprofit organization that handles training and education for sheriffs in the state.

Millholland received a standing ovation from the audience as he accepted a plaque from Del. May.

The Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association is a citizens group, based in Pine Grove, which raises funds for groups and organizations that serve the community, mostly in Clarke County. Among other efforts, it supports the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Company and senior and handicapped residents of the Johnson-Williams Apartments, and presents a scholarship annually to a Clarke County High School senior.

IN RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, Georgia as the membership and leadership of the church celebrates a remarkable 175 years. The congregation of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church will commemorate this milestone with a Celebration on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon.

Tracing its roots back to the pre-Civil War era, the Church was organized around 1838 when Pastor Samuel Cassels was instructed to preach and minister to the slaves of the members of the 1st Presbyterian Church's congregation. The "African Chapel," a separate facility, was built on Fourth Street (now M.L. King Drive) but remained associated with the 1st Presbyterian Church. With a request for full independence by "African Chapel" members that was granted on May 5, 1866, the present Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church was formed. Joseph Williams, David Laney, and Robert Carter were the first Ministers ordained to serve the church following its formal establishment.

The Church had humble origins due to racial and social stratification in the post-Civil War South. With the end of the Civil War, the bells of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church rang to celebrate emancipation. Under the pastorate of David Laney, most notably, the distinguished Gothic Revival structure of the Church was constructed.