

deeper calling to enter the ministry. In 1960, Reverend Dr. Smith was ordained as an itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, receiving a pastorate at St. Mark's Church in Duluth, MN. He returned to Minneapolis in 1988 to serve the congregation of St. James' Church, the oldest black congregation in Minnesota, until reaching the mandatory retirement age of 90.

Reverend Dr. Smith was among the oldest graduates from three separate Minnesota colleges. He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Minneapolis Community College at age 74, a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Macalester College at age 78, and a Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary at the age of 81. An exceptional student, Reverend Dr. Smith received the Sidney Barrow Award in Religion during his time at Macalester, and in 2013 was bestowed an honorary Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary at 105 years old.

Reverend Dr. Smith was widely admired and respected both in the Minneapolis community and in the African Methodist Episcopal Church worldwide. After his retirement from St. James' at 90, he tirelessly worked for 16 more years as a member of the Wayman Church ministerial staff where he continued to preach, helped found the Wayman Church Bible Institute, taught Bible studies, and mentored many members of the clergy. Reverend Dr. Smith's final ministerial act was September 6, 2015, giving a scripture lesson during service at Lily of The Valley Church in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Lily of the Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church is a church that he not only helped found, but was also the first AME church to open in Minnesota in nearly 80 years.

Reverend Dr. Noah Spencer Smith passed away on September 24, 2015 at the age of 107. At the time of his death, Reverend Dr. Smith was the oldest active minister in the United States. His memory stands as an example for all in Minneapolis never to cease your calling. Through a deep dedication to his faith, he fostered a community that will blossom for years to come.

2015 PERSON OF THE YEAR: LISA KRUSE

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lisa Kruse of McGregor, Minnesota for being named 2015 Person of the Year by the Aitkin Age for her outstanding service to her community.

As Director of Community Education Lisa works tirelessly to promote wellness to all people in her community. She has brought activities to McGregor for all ages, from indoor recess equipment, to an ice rink at the High School, and to fitness classes for seniors.

The programs Lisa helps bring to her community go beyond physical health. Recently she attended training to educate others in her community on the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences. She obtained grants to make McGregor schools a Reading Corps site where additional reading help is available for struggling students to promote literacy to early

readers in kindergarten through third grade. Her assistance to McGregor's Early Childhood program helped it earn Parent Aware's highest rating of four stars.

In addition to all she does to promote education and wellness Lisa was instrumental in bringing the Governor's fishing opener to Aitkin County for the first time ever. After four years of hard work by Lisa the 2016 Governor's Fishing Opener will be held at Big Sandy Lake nearby her hometown. She is a great example of what it means to be an active citizen.

Once again I would like to thank Lisa Kruse for all she does for her hometown of McGregor, Minnesota.

DELANO STEWART

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary leader and pillar of the Tampa Bay legal community, Mr. Delano Stewart.

Delano Stewart retired in July 2015 after an illustrious 50-year legal career in the state of Florida. A graduate of Hillsborough County public schools, Mr. Stewart went on to matriculate from Morehouse College and Howard University Law School. His memorable career began as the first African-American Assistant Public Defender in Hillsborough County's history. In 1970, he went on to open the first integrated law firm in the state of Florida. In addition to his legal work, Mr. Stewart was the first African-American elected to the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, and the first African-American member of the Rough Riders civic club.

Mr. Stewart's memorable career was shaped by many stalwart figures in the civil rights movement. At the age of 12, inspired by a visit from Thurgood Marshall, who was in Tampa as an NAACP attorney assisting in the African-American teachers' campaign for equal pay, Mr. Stewart desired to become a lawyer. His passion for the civil rights movement was further stoked upon traveling to Washington, DC for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Additionally, Mr. Stewart is proud to champion Garland Stewart, the first African-American administrator in Hillsborough County school district history who played a key role in integrating the district, as the greatest influence on his life.

Beyond his legal career, he founded The Delano S. Stewart Diversity Award which is given each year to an individual for lifetime achievements in improving the lives of African-Americans and promoting diversity in the legal profession.

During this new chapter of his life, Mr. Stewart plans on spending more time with his wife and their six children and eight grandchildren as well as working on his novel. In Delano Stewart's own words he is not retiring, rather he is finding new ways to help people with his specialized legal training. Mr. Speaker, I join the Tampa Bay community in honoring Mr. Delano Stewart for his lifelong commitment to fairness and justice for all.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I introduced a resolution recognizing February 1–5th as National School Counseling Week. This resolution is an important one; school counselors are critical to the success of our students, particularly the ones who are at a high risk of dropping out.

We ask much of our counselors. The recommended counselor to student ratio is one to 250, while the national average is almost double that; one to 482. Each year, only 80% of students are graduating from high school. Schools desperately need more counselors who can put students on the path to success by ensuring they have the tools they need to graduate.

In the spirit of properly recognizing hard-working school counselors across the country, today I wish to honor the work of an incredible school counselor and administrator from Montebello Unified School District, Andy Costello. Recently retired, he spent much of his career working for Montebello Unified, and has become a pillar of our community.

Mr. Costello has a passion for supporting and uplifting students and their families. Always going above and beyond to make sure families received the best guidance and support possible. Now retired, Andy continues to be engaged with the community. Mr. Costello is involved in counseling associations, and the college access program, College Bound Today, at Montebello Unified.

It is important to recognize leaders like Mr. Costello. The true heroes of our community. The ones that help make our future brighter, by uplifting the next generation. He has had an immense impact on our community.

IN HONOR OF PAT HOSFORD'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, born into an American energy family, Patrick Eugene Hosford arrived on February 6, 1936 in Seminole, Oklahoma where his father was working for what was then known as Gulf Oil. Eugene and June Hosford's oldest son, like his father, would go on to graduate from the University of Oklahoma and immediately put his engineering degree to work in the energy industry.

For many years, Pat worked for Pan American, which became Amoco. Then Pat ventured out on his own forming his own energy companies and making his mark as an independent oilman. Pat even formed a manufacturing company to make pup joints for the energy industry.

A quarter century ago Pat, and his lovely wife of 59 years, Colleen, whom he met on the campus at the University of Oklahoma, made The Woodlands their home. Their three sons all earned engineering degrees from the

University of Texas, which makes the annual Sooners-Longhorn match-up quite the event in the Hosford house.

All three of Pat's sons have made their mark on domestic energy production. Jim, John, and Mike, their wives, 9 children and two great-grandchildren are Pat's pride and joy. Now retired, Pat finds being a grandfather to be as great a rush as striking oil.

I had the privilege of being in the same Woodlands office building with Pat for years. Seeing Pat frequently meant I benefitted from his experience and insight into our area's top business sector. His service on the Woodlands-South Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce board was a great help in the early days of The Woodlands when we were working to attract new energy companies to our community. Pat served wherever and whenever he was needed with a smile on his face, a faithful heart, and an open door for anyone who needed solid advice or help. A man of strong faith, Pat has always been active in his local church.

One of my funniest, if not strangest, memories of Pat was seeing him, and other Woodlands leaders, dressed up bizarrely and jokingly offering folks a chance to make a donation or kiss a pig. Their over the top stunts made us laugh while raising a lot of money for the local United Way.

Thank you will never be enough, Pat. Cathy and I are blessed to have you and Colleen as friends, as sounding boards and supporters since I first ran for office as a Texas State Representative. Today it is my privilege to honor Patrick Eugene Hosford on his 80th birthday and to wish him 80 more.

A LIFE-SAVING ACT OF KINDNESS

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Minnesota State Trooper Glen Bihler and Mary Dinger of Aitkin, MN for their selfless acts of kindness toward a fellow Minnesotan in need of shelter on a cold winter night.

Winters in Minnesota tend to be cold but the temperature on January 19th was particularly cold at 15 degrees below zero. Mary Dinger was driving along Highway 169 in Aitkin County, Minnesota. At mile marker 249 Mary saw a man lying down on the side of the road. Although we are all taught not to stop and pick up strangers—particularly on dark rural roads late at night—Mary stopped to help and let the man warm up in her car while she called 911 and waited for a state Trooper to arrive. After Trooper Bihler picked up the man and confirmed he did not have frostbite, Bihler brought him to a fast-food restaurant for a hot meal. Trooper Bihler said he was just doing what he could to help the man out. Afterwards he brought the man to the lobby of the Aitkin County Sheriff's office, the only place open so late, where he could rest in a warm place until a ride could be arranged to a shelter in the Twin Cities.

Once again I want to thank both Minnesotans for the compassion and care they showed for a fellow citizen desperately in need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, due to illness. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 55, I would have voted no (On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 595).

On Roll Call 56, I would have voted no (H. Res. 595).

On Roll Call 57, I would have voted yea (Amendment No. 1, H.R. 1675).

On Roll Call 58, I would have voted yea (Amendment No. 6, H.R. 1675).

On Roll Call 59, I would have voted yea (Amendment No. 7, H.R. 1675).

On Roll Call 60, I would have voted yea (On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1675).

On Roll Call 61, I would have voted no (H.R. 1675).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast roll call votes on Monday, February 1, 2016. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 46; and

I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 47.

In addition, on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, I would like to clarify for the record that I strongly opposed the amendment under consideration and intended to vote Nay on roll call vote 50 during consideration of H.R. 3700.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAWAII STATE SENATOR GILBERT KAHELE

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2016

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 2016, the Aloha State lost the Honorable Gil Kahele, a U.S. Marine, a Hawaii State Senator, and a loving husband and father. His life was extraordinary from beginning to end, and he will be sorely missed.

Hawaii Island State Senator Gilbert Kahele was born to Peter and Rebecca Kahele, both of Hawaiian descent, in a grass shack by the sea on May 15, 1942 at Kalihi, just south of the Hawaiian fishing village of Miloli'i in South Kona. His parents valued education, so in 1947, they moved the family to Hilo, 90 miles away when Gil was five years old. It was a big change for the Kahele family because Hilo was a bustling town after recovering from World War II and the 1946 tsunami. It was full of commerce, cars, buildings, sporting events, and multiple nationalities, a far cry from the isolated fishing village of Miloli'i on the other side of the island.

Gil attended Hilo High School and played on the Vikings football team—graduating with the class of 1960. After graduation, Gil began his long career of service to his country by joining the United States Marine Corps. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Twenty-Nine Palms and Camp Pendleton, California, Gil was part of the engineering troop responsible for refrigeration. As a young Hawaiian traveling through the South in the 1960's, Gil remembers riding a bus across the country and seeing the discrimination of African Americans on buses, in bus stations, and restrooms in the South. He saw segregation for the very first time. The black man was treated differently than the white man in this part of the country, something that was uncommon to him growing up in Hawai'i where everyone was treated with aloha.

After four years serving as a Marine, Gil was honorably discharged and settled in California for a few years. His first son Gibson was born in October of 1963, and he attended Chapman and Laney Colleges in Northern California. After graduating with an Associate Degree in Science in 1967 from Laney College, Gil moved back to Hawai'i where he began a civil service career that would last 33 years. He got a job with the Federal Government at Naval Station Wahiawa as a refrigeration mechanic. He married United Airlines stewardess Linda Haggberg in October of 1971, and the couple lived in Wahiawa. In 1976, the couple moved to Hilo. They had two children, Kai and Noelani. For the next 25 years Gil drove from Hilo up the Saddle Road to his job at the Pohakuloa Training Area, where he would eventually retire in 2000 as the Director of Public Works.

During the 1980s, Gil spent a lot of time in Miloli'i and made a name for himself as a successful community organizer in South Kona as a result of his ability to bring people together in the village to rally around a common cause or project. In 1986, Gil teamed up with Boone Morrison to produce a documentary, "Song of South Kona". Featuring Diana Aki, the film took a look at the history of the village and the songs that had been passed down through generations of musicians. Additionally, Gil, the president of Pa'a Pono Miloli'i at the time, successfully prevented the development of Kapua Bay and Kahuku by the Farms of Kapua and the Hawaiian Riviera Resort.

Tragically, Gil's younger sister Mona died in a car accident along with her husband Eric, leaving their three young children without parents. To Gil and Linda, family was their priority, so they adopted the three children, Ihilani, Ilima and Imaika, and Gil began to spend more time in Hilo and less time in Miloli'i.

In 2011, Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie selected Gil Kahele to fill a vacancy in the State Senate, where he would end up serving for the remainder of his life. Gil boasted an impressive record rather quickly because of his sincere desire to make a difference for the people of the Big Island and all of Hawai'i.

I recently saw Gil in Washington, DC, where as always, he was ready with a smile, a hug, a heart full of aloha. My heart is with the Kahele family (ohana), and all of Hawai'i Island. Gil, you are missed. Thank you (Mahalo nui loa) for dedicating your life to serving others and for demonstrating how much we can achieve when we work together in the spirit of aloha. God bless you (Ke Akua me ke Aloha).