

Dottie; three daughters; four brothers; four sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Colonel Wesley L. Fox.

HONORING SUE SOUTHERN OF
HALEYVILLE, AL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the talents, achievements and dedication of Mrs. Sue Southern of Haleyville, Alabama on the occasion of her retirement as Municipal Court Clerk of the city of Haleyville, Alabama, which is in Alabama's 4th Congressional District.

Sue Southern began her career with Haleyville 29 years ago back in 1988 and since then has worked alongside numerous municipal judges, attorneys, mayors and members of the city council. I was fortunate to be one of those municipal judges during her time of service. I worked alongside of Sue in the mid-1990s as a young municipal judge for the city, having just graduated from law school a couple of years earlier.

As someone who worked alongside Sue for several years, I can say without a doubt, she always strove to make sure that every person who came through the court system was treated fairly and with dignity, yet she made sure the trains ran on time, as they say.

During her almost three decades as municipal court clerk, Sue has taken a particular interest in strengthening domestic violence laws in the state of Alabama. She has seen numerous cases come through the court system, of women who had nowhere to turn and no way to escape abusive relationships. Sue worked to change this and give a voice to countless women across Alabama.

Sue's family is also immeasurably important to her. She is married to David Southern and has two children, Brian Berry and Jason Berry. Sue also has four grandchildren: Blake, Madison, David and Katie.

Sue will be missed by those she has served for so many years, but I know she will continue to be active in her community. She has earned this retirement with her many years of dedication. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF JOSEPH ALLEN
DUFFEL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Joseph Allen Duffel, prominent Bay Area builder and real estate developer and resident of Orinda.

Joe's sharp intellect and irreverent sense of humor were his signature traits. He founded Duffel Financial and Construction Company in 1954, which grew to become one of Northern California's most active real estate develop-

ment and building firms. His love of family, reverence for education, strong work ethic, and drive led him to many successes throughout his life. He continued to work as the active CEO of the company to the very end.

In addition to his career in building and development, Joe had a passion for politics. He ran for State Senator in 1966 against George Miller, Sr. That political involvement catapulted him into becoming the advance man for Ronald Reagan during his campaign for the presidency in 1968. He personally advanced Reagan's appearances at the state delegations in most of the southern states. He later served as a delegate to four Republican conventions and was appointed by Governor Deukmejian to the California Transportation Commission where he served for 12 years after being reappointed by Deukmejian and Governor Pete Wilson.

Joe was also proud to have served in many capacities in business, community, and local political organizations. He served as president of the Orinda Rotary Club, president of the Bay Area Mortgage Association, and president of the Homebuilders Association of Northern California (formerly known as the B.I.A., or Building Industry Association of which Joe was a founding member). He served on the board of directors of California Symphony, and was a 40-year active member of The Family, a San Francisco social and charitable club. Joe and his wife, Jackie were longtime members of the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church.

Joe was an inspiration and a friend. He was a stalwart in the Contra Costa community. He passed away on December 1, 2017 at the age of 94. Joe will be deeply missed.

TRIBUTE TO JIM COWNIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jim Cownie of Des Moines, Iowa, for being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors community leaders who continue to serve as mentors and leaders when others have retired. After graduating from Notre Dame, Jim founded Heritage Communications which would become the ninth-largest cable TV operator in the country when he sold the company in 1987 and went into real estate development. Jim and his wife, Patty, have been longtime supporters of the United Way of Central Iowa and the Iowa State Fairgrounds. One of the many words of advice he offered to the magazine was to volunteer. "That's more important than money," he said. He continued, "We can't have a great city without great volunteers and philanthropists."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jim for being named a "Sage Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud him for his service to his community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jim for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my fellow San Francisco Representative, JACKIE SPEIER, as well as my Congressional colleagues, Representatives BARBARA LEE, JUDY CHU, MADELEINE BORDALLO, LOU CORREA, KEITH ELLISON, ANNA ESHOO, AL GREEN, JIMMY GOMEZ, COLLEEN HANABUSA, JARED HUFFMAN, RO KHANNA, RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY, TED LIEU, ALAN LOWENTHAL, MARK TAKANO, NORMA TORRES, GRACE MENG, STEPHANIE MURPHY, GRACE NAPOLITANO, ADAM SCHIFF, ERIC SWALWELL, JIM COSTA, and NYDIA VELAZQUEZ, in great sorrow to pay tribute to a dear friend and an extraordinary leader: Mayor Edwin M. Lee, who died suddenly and tragically on December 12.

Ed Lee served as Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco with devotion and distinction. All who knew Ed understood him as a true gentleman of great warmth, positivity and kindness.

His passing is not only a tragic official loss for our city but also an immense personal loss for all who were fortunate enough to call him friend.

Even through our heartbreak, we think of the exceptional person Ed Lee was, and we smile.

Born the fourth of six children to hard-working Chinese immigrant parents of modest means, Ed was raised in public housing, and lost his father at the age of 15.

Ed excelled at academics, winning a scholarship to Bowdoin College in Maine, where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 1974. He then graduated Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1978.

Ed began his career as a community organizer and civil rights lawyer fighting for fair housing and on behalf of immigrant communities.

He started his public service as director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, going on to serve as Purchasing Manager, Director of Public Works and City Administrator.

Ed then served seven remarkable years as Mayor of San Francisco, an office he held with exceptional dignity and great effectiveness. He took pride in being the first Asian American Mayor of a city with such a rich and robust Asian American heritage.

Ed's firm commitment to equality made strong progress toward securing affordable housing and a living wage for all.

His unwavering belief in justice helped combat the moral crisis of homeless in San Francisco, particularly for our veterans.

And his bold, hopeful vision for the future further secured San Francisco's role as a model city for the nation.

In all aspects of his life, Mayor Lee's first priority was always the people.

He fundamentally understood that the strength of a community is measured by its success in meeting the needs of all its people.

Mayor Lee's greatest source of joy was his beloved family. Our city owes a debt of gratitude to his wife Anita and his daughters