

nation and the Philippines during World War II. As the members of the Sacramento Filipino World War II Veterans Group and the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our veterans for their heroism, duty, sacrifice, and service to the United States of America.

In 1941, President Roosevelt's call-to-action elicited the enlistment of more than 250,000 Filipino soldiers. Our nation's troops fought tirelessly and fearlessly in World War II, and many of the brave included Filipino soldiers who fought alongside American soldiers under the U.S. Army Forces. Throughout the duration of the war, more than 57,000 were killed in combat, thousands suffered from severe wounds, and over 78,000 were missing in action. By the end of World War II, Filipino veterans were left with our country's promise of full veterans' benefits. However, that promise was rescinded, and Filipino veterans were left without the honor deserved.

On November 30, 2016, the United States Congress passed the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015, restoring Filipino veterans to the status of U.S. military veteran. Subsequently, on December 14, 2016, President Barack Obama signed this Act into law. This momentous occasion delivered the overdue recognition for the selfless service of Filipino veterans during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Sacramento Filipino World War II Veterans Group and the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project celebrate the service of the World War II veterans, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their heroism in protecting our great nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES ROBINSON

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to James "Jim" Robinson, who passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Jim was an active and influential leader in Riverside County throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

Jim was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he developed asthma at a young age. To help provide him some relief, Jim's family moved to California for drier air and a warmer climate. He graduated from San Bernardino High School and earned his bachelor's degree from California State Los Angeles. While in college, Jim enlisted in the Army National Guard, earning the Distinguished Cadet Honor and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jim continued his education throughout his career, obtaining his graduate degree from Southern Methodist University. Jim later completed Stanford University's Financial Management Program in 1983 and the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Executive Program in 1987.

Jim launched his career in banking as a messenger for Security First National Bank which later became Security Pacific National Bank. He entered the bank's management training program and upon graduation oversaw the operations of a series of larger bank

branches in the Inland Empire. During his career with Security Pacific National Bank, Jim would serve as a Regional Manager and a Division Manager before deciding to retire from the bank in 1992. He was then immediately hired as the President and CEO of Riverside National Bank, at which he served as an executive until again retiring in 2003. In 2005, Jim and a group of regional leaders formed Security Bank of California, a new community bank headquartered in Riverside. Jim served as the Chairman and CEO until the bank was sold in 2016 and he retired for the last time. During his career, Jim felt it was important to give back to the communities he served and sat on numerous boards in the regions he worked, including in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Jim was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Wilkins Robinson and his daughter Kristen Robinson Olsen. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara Robinson, his son Jamie Robinson, Jr., Jamie's wife Melissa and their two daughters, Grace and Gabrielle, as well as son-in-law Craig Olsen and granddaughter Mallory Olsen. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire Robinson family, his friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Jim may be gone, the many contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARI HULMAN GEORGE

### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Mari Hulman George, a pillar of the Indianapolis and international auto racing community and Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Mari's passion for auto racing, stewardship of Indianapolis as the "Racing Capital of the World," and decades of compassionate philanthropic work to the State of Indiana and the nation.

A life-long Hoosier, Mari was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1934 to prominent business magnate Anton "Tony" Hulman, Jr. and Mary Fendrich Hulman. She attended school at St. Benedict in Terre Haute, the Ladywood School in Indianapolis, and Purdue University in West Lafayette. Throughout her lifetime Mari was deeply involved in the Hulman family businesses, serving as the chairman of Hulman & Company, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation. In addition, she served as a longtime board member of First Financial Bank, a publicly traded company headquartered in Terre Haute.

Mari's deep passion for auto racing began when her father purchased the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1945, saving it from demolition after World War II. The track soon became the cornerstone of her life, where she spent the majority of her formative years. In 1954, she joined with Roger Wolcott to form the HOW racing team, which fielded the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the United States Auto Club (USAC) cars for sev-

eral drivers. Among these drivers were Jerry Hoyt, Eddie Sachs, Tony Bettenhausen, Roger McCluskey, as well as Elmer George, whom she married in April 1957. A pioneer and a rarity in racing, Mari became a co-owner of a team that competed at the highest levels of Midwestern auto racing in the 1950s and 1960s.

In 1988, Mari became Chairman of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). Under her leadership, IMS continued to gain worldwide popularity with a number of innovations. In 2016, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway celebrated the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500, a race that has played a tremendously significant role in the economic development of the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. IMS prospered with the Indianapolis 500 and expanded its annual schedule beyond the "Month of May" to include the Brickyard 400 in the NASCAR Cup Series, the United States Grand Prix in the FIA Formula One World Championship, and the Red Bull Indianapolis GP in the FIM MotoGP World Championship. These contributions to IMS and her charitable work in the racing community led to Mari being inducted into the IMS Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2015.

Her passion for racing and the Speedway became a platform for many of her philanthropic efforts. At the Speedway, Mari hosted the "Save Arnold" Barbecue to benefit the Indiana Special Olympics every May for 25 years from 1981 through the mid-2000s. Drivers, racing personalities, and media partnered with Indiana Special Olympic athletes to complete various activities, raising one million dollars for the Indiana Special Olympics. Importantly, Mari created and sponsored a program, which is still in effect today, allowing thousands of Indiana schoolchildren to visit the Speedway each May to learn about the connection between education and motorsports.

Mari's passion for racing was rivaled only by her passion for the arts, education, healthcare, and animal issues. She served as a trustee of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and made contributions to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indiana State University, Purdue University, Indiana University, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, among other institutions.

Passionate about animal care, Mari became a leading charitable donor, especially for horses and greyhounds. Her love for animals led to the endowment and establishment of the Equine Science Program at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1989, which was named the Mari Hulman George School of Equine Studies to honor her continuous support. The school also conducts the Mari Hulman George Thoroughbred Adoption program to provide proper care for horses. Mari personally raised, bred, and rode horses at the family's Circle S Ranch near Terre Haute, her family ranch in Wyoming, and at various stables in Florida. Her quarter horses and thoroughbreds competed in numerous events. As a tribute to her love and support of the sport, The Mari Hulman George Stakes was named in her honor and remains a prestigious annual race at Indiana Downs. In 2001, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security renamed its search-and-rescue training area at Camp Atterbury the Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center, recognizing Mari's contribution to the care of animals displaced due to disasters.