

"The White House" was staged at the White House for President Clinton. His service in the Army Air Forces in World War II was chronicled in *The Day I Fired Alan Ladd* (2002), the third of four autobiographies. A series of essays on aging, written in his 90s, was titled *O.J. in the Morning, G&T at Night*. His last book, a novel about a 12-year-old living in his native St. Louis, came out in 2018, when he was 101. It's a joy to muse upon such a complicated and full life. The world was better for having Mr. Hotchner in it.

HONORING JACK BASKIN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jack Baskin, a prominent engineer, builder, and philanthropist on the central coast of California. Jack will be remembered as a generous and active supporter of his community.

Jack Baskin was born on September 20, 1919, in upstate New York. After graduating from New York University with a degree in aeronautical engineering in 1940, Jack used his engineering expertise to support the domestic military aircraft manufacturing industry through World War II. After the war, he found success building housing developments throughout California and settled on the Central Coast in Santa Cruz in 1970.

Jack remained in Santa Cruz for the next 50 years, establishing deep ties to the Central Coast. Jack is well-known for acts of kindness and generosity to support his community and was named the "Man of the Year" by the Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce in 1986. Many local institutions have benefitted from his personal donations, including the Dominican Hospital of Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula College, Cabrillo College, and the Seymour Marine Laboratory.

Jack was especially passionate about supporting the University of California, Santa Cruz campus, establishing the funding that was used to build the Baskin School of Engineering and make UCSC a destination to study and develop technical innovations. In 2008, Jack and his wife, Peggy, established the Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation to provide financial support for educational opportunities for disadvantaged women and other marginalized communities on the Central Coast.

Jack will be remembered for his convivial and generous spirit. We, as a community, celebrate his legacy and life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Jack Baskin.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH AND CENTRAL SAN MATEO COUNTY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the League of

Women Voters, an organization that was founded to prepare the implementation of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo County join more than 700 local and state chapters to celebrate the historic centennial of the 19th Amendment.

When LWV was born on February 14, 1920, six months before the 19th Amendment was ratified, founder Carrie Chapman Catt believed the organization could give millions of women voters a crash course in civic engagement and the American political system. Formed by the suffragists of the National American Women Suffrage Association, the league started out as a political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their newly won right to vote.

The right to vote is at the very core of our Republic. Our Founding Fathers wisely enshrined that right of every citizen to make changes in our political system in the first three words of our Constitution: "We The People." Sadly, our Founding Fathers did not include women, and it took another 131 years to get the 19th Amendment ratified.

It was an ugly battle. After it passed the House and Senate, anti-suffrage groups mobilized to continue their pressure campaign in the states. I have two framed documents in my Washington, D.C., office that I like to show visitors to illustrate that tension. One is an original copy of the 1871 petition from suffragist Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton urging Congress to give women the right to vote. The other is a 1917 letter from the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage arguing that the 19th Amendment would be an "official endorsement of nagging as a national policy;" that it would "give every radical woman the right to believe that she could get any law she wanted by 'pestering.'"

The same year, 1917, the National Women's Party picketed the White House to pressure President Woodrow Wilson. No one had ever picketed the White House before and the women were met with hostility from angry mobs. They were yelled at, spat on, peppered with rotten eggs and even beaten and sexually assaulted. On November 14, 1917, after being arrested, a group of women were met at the prison by guards with clubs, and 33 women were choked, kicked, and one was stabbed between the eyes. They were fed rotten food and denied medical treatment. When some women went on a hunger strike, they were force fed with tubes through their noses. This "Night of Terror" has been forgotten by most Americans today, but it illustrates the hard-fought battles for women to finally gain the right to vote on August 26th, Women's Equality Day.

To this day the League of Women Voters, of which I am a proud member, continues to register, educate, and mobilize voters reaffirming its commitment to "Making Democracy Work." While its mission hasn't, changed, the league is taking advantage of new tools, such as VOTE411.org, a cutting-edge website utilized by millions of voters, to make it even more effective.

Madam Speaker, for a century, the League of Women Voters has empowered voters and defended democracy. It has evolved from a political experiment designed to help 20 million newly-enfranchised women to vote in 1920 to a nonpartisan organization shaping public pol-

icy, molding political leaders, and promoting citizen engagement. May it not take another 100 years until every citizen eligible to vote will cast her or his ballot to protect and be part of our democracy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 42. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 42, I would have voted NO.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF OAKWOOD CITY MANAGER STAN BROWN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown for his service to the people of northeast Georgia. Mr. Brown is retiring on February 28, 2020 after serving the city of Oakwood for 16 years.

Mr. Brown has worked in local government for over 25 years, holding various positions across northeast Georgia, including in the city of Carrollton, Athens-Clarke County, and Jackson County. In 2004, Mr. Brown was appointed as Oakwood City Manager, where he was tasked with maintaining economic development and promoting the interests of the local community. Throughout his tenure, he worked closely with the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council, the Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Hall County Green Alliance to ensure the city is proactive and able to meet the challenges and opportunities of growth while also guaranteeing the best quality of life for its residents.

While Mr. Brown's time spent serving in local government spans over two decades, his commitment to service began long before his tenure as Oakwood City Manager. Mr. Brown attended and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and served his nation for many years, including overseas in Iraq, Kuwait, and Kyrgyzstan, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Brown continued his service as a member of my military academy nomination board, where he played an instrumental role in selecting future leaders in the U.S. military.

From his military service to his work in local government, Stan Brown has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens, putting his heart and soul into serving our country and our community. I join the people of northeast Georgia in thanking him for his years of commitment to the city of Oakwood, and I wish him all the best in his next chapter of life.