

he has to say. Tony's authenticity and ability to form relationships has been instrumental to his success.

Next, I put Tony's commitment to the conservative cause to good use by making him my Policy Director. One of the things that I have always admired about Tony is his real commitment to the conservative agenda. He is not in Washington, DC for power or personal gain. He is here because he believes in what he is doing and because of his desire to make America a better place. And his commitment was on display every day as he moved through my office like a whirlwind, pressing staffers to do more, to work harder. He is personally responsible for the passage of much good legislation, but more importantly he was on the lookout for bad legislation.

More than a few bad bills found an early grave because of Tony's vigilance. Finally, Tony served as my Deputy Chief of Staff. In that capacity he became a not just great staffer, but a great friend. He was my gatekeeper and my watch-guard. In many ways, too numerous to list here, he made my life in Washington, DC tolerable.

Now, Tony has decided to move on to greener pastures. For five and half years, Tony was always on call. He worked countless late nights and weekends. Now, he has a beautiful new son and is time for him to step back and spend some time with his family.

Tony's departure is a personal loss for me, but I know that it is the right thing for him to do. I wish him the best in his new career and I wish him and his family all the joy and happiness in the world. After all of Tony's hard work for me and the American people, they truly deserve it.

TRIBUTE TO WILFRID A.
GRANQUIST, JR. IN HONOR OF
HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Wilfrid A. "Jay" Granquist, Jr. who celebrated his 80th birthday on November 22, 2000.

Born to Wilfrid A. Granquist, Sr. and Leona Ellis Granquist on November 22, 1920, young Jay became, by necessity, independent at an early age. Using his own resources, he survived and thrived during his adolescent years. Mr. Granquist served his country in defense of freedom in World War II and fought valiantly in the infantry during the Battle of the Bulge. Upon completing his service to our country, he became a metallurgical engineer of quality control with Westinghouse, which later merged with Bendix Corporation in Kansas City. He retired as a senior metallurgical engineer in 1981 after 21 years of service to the company.

Mr. Granquist met and fell in love with Margaret Lang while roller skating in 1939. During their first encounter, he cut his finger and asked his future bride to kiss it and make it better for him. On September 21, 1940 they were married and celebrated 60 years of matrimony this past September. Jay and Margaret have 3 children—Marilyn Leona Watson, John Lang Granquist, and Joyce G. Holland who

will commemorate their father's 80th birthday on November 24 along with his 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

One remarkable milestone that should be noted is Jay's 3 half siblings who he was recently reunited with—2 sisters and 1 brother. His half brother, James, celebrated his 50th birthday in 1999 and his wife, Rhonda, took it upon herself to invite Jay and Margaret to join them. This was most touching and heartwarming for all of the siblings.

Mr. Granquist has spent much of his retirement years volunteering for organizations such as Seton Center, St. Joseph Hospital, and the Red Bridge Lions Club. He has served as a lay minister in his parish, St. Thomas Moore, and is president of his homes association, Klatt Meyer Estates. His volunteer work at St. Joseph Hospital includes driving the jitney to transport patients and visitors from the parking lot to the hospital. His friendly manner is appreciated, and it is noteworthy that Jay has never met a stranger. Other volunteers who appreciate his myriad skills fondly refer to Mr. Granquist as a "Jack of All Trades." His efforts at Seton Center include collecting and transporting food and bakery items to the Center for distribution to the needy. As part of the "Share of the Harvest" program for the Missouri Department of Conservation, Mr. Granquist transports fowl and venison for use by the Center. He is an avid woodworker, building food shelves and other essential construction needs at the Center. He revels in restoring airplanes and is a member of Save a Connie. Mr. Granquist is an advocate for neighborhood concerns and active in local political campaigns in Kansas City. In his spare time he enjoys square dancing with Margaret, refinishing fine furniture, and creating special gifts for family and friends. His generosity is unmatched, and his selfless dedication to the greater good continues to motivate him to help his fellow man.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Mr. Wilfrid A. Granquist, Jr., his wife Margaret; his children, Marilyn, John, and Joyce, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, please join me in saluting the life of this remarkable gentleman and in wishing him a happy 80th birthday.

Thank you.

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY CACE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I speak memory of a legendary East Texan, Johnny Cace of Longview, TX, who died recently at the age of 83. Johnny Cace was a household name in East Texas. His restaurant that bears his name is part of the culture of Longview, and Johnny was known as one of Longview's leading ambassadors of good will.

Johnny was devoted to his family, his community, and his church—and he was a friend to so many from all walks of life. Born Jan. 8, 1917, in New Orleans, he grew up working with his father at their oyster camp between school years, where he learned to harvest oysters and catch fish and cook. After graduating from Buras High School in 1933 as salutatorian of his class, he attended Louisiana State University and then moved with his fam-

ily to Shreveport to open an oyster and seafood market. Johnny volunteered for the U.S. Air Force during World War II and served four years as mess sergeant of officers' mess at Moore Field in McAllen.

Following the War, Johnny married Valerie Savony, now deceased, and moved to Longview in 1949, opening Johnny Cace's Seafood & Steak House. The restaurant moved to its present location in 1964 and expanded several times to its current seating capacity of 450. It is a popular location for various civic luncheons and special events in Longview, and its reputation for excellence has attracted patrons from all over the State of Texas.

Johnny was active and involved in the restaurant until his recent hospitalization. He served as president of the Texas Restaurant Association in 1967 and received the distinguished service award that year. He also served on TRA's State Advisory Council and was a longtime member of the board of directors of the East Texas Chapter of TRA and the state board of TRA. He was chosen as Texas Restaurant Association Man of the Year in 1967, was selected as Outstanding Restaurateur in 1961 by the East Texas Restaurant Association and as Outstanding Restaurateur in the State in 1970. In 1985, Johnny was selected as a member of the Texas Restaurant Association Hall of Honor, the highest honor one can receive in TRA.

Johnny's accomplishments in Longview were just as noteworthy. He was a lifetime member of the Longview Chamber of Commerce, having served as president and two terms on the board of directors. He was a founding member of Junior Achievement of East Texas. He served as district chairman of the Sustaining Membership Drive of Boy Scouts of the East Texas area. He was a past vice president of Longview Civitan Club. He served on the board of directors of Longview Bank & Trust Co., the Good Shepherd Hospital Foundation Board and the Operations Committee of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. As a member of the Longview Council of Knights of Columbus, Johnny was a Past Grand Knight of the Third Degree and Past Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree.

Johnny's other honors include the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood; the Headliner Award from the Professional Journalists; Man of the Year award by the Longview Federated Club; the East Texas Heritage Award from the Festival in the Pines; and in 1999, the Longview Partnership Chairman's Award. Johnny was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Elks Club, Pinecrest Country Club and the Delta Fishing Club.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Gregory Cace of Longview; son John III and daughter-in-law Linda of San Antonio; son Gerard and daughter-in-law Cathy of Longview; and son Danny and daughter-in-law Sarah of Tyler; seven grandchildren; a sister, Rose Cace Sanders of Shreveport; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Johnny Cace genuinely liked people and always had a smile and a kind word to say to those he met. He was a friend to so many from all walks of life—and he was liked by all who knew him. He was truly one of Longview's most influential "goodwill ambassadors," and he leaves a legacy of goodwill that will be remembered for many years to come. He also leaves a powerful family legacy