

he paid his own way to attend college part-time at the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg. He continued his education while in Congress, taking classes in the evening and earning a master's degree in political science and the award for outstanding scholarship at the graduate level from the School of Government and Public Administration at American University. One professor told friends in later years that Campbell was the only public official who had taken the class without having staff members do the classwork. He also held ten honorary doctorate degrees and received numerous business and public service awards.

Despite accomplishing reforms on behalf of millions of fellow South Carolinians, Carroll Campbell took his greatest pride in the achievements and love of a few. His family—a wife of 46 years, two sons and their wives and four grandchildren—were his strength and comfort. Iris and Carroll Campbell married in 1959 and soon became known in Greenville for their delight in the company of friends and their shagging to the beach music Carroll had learned and loved as a young lifeguard during high school summers in Myrtle Beach.

At 19, while working in the real estate business, he cofounded a successful chain of parking facilities. In 1967, he was co-founder of a business that developed a chain of 13 Burger King restaurants. He later became an active breeder of Arabian horses, owning and operating a farm near Fountain Inn in the Seventies. Later, along with his sons and others, he owned a chain of 19 Wendy's restaurants throughout South Carolina.

He was first elected to public office in 1970 as a member of the South Carolina State House of Representatives. Mr. Campbell served there until 1974. Running in a 1976 special election, he won a seat representing Greenville in the state Senate.

In 1978, Carroll Campbell was elected to the United States Congress from South Carolina's fourth congressional district, the first Republican since reconstruction to hold that seat. He served in Congress until 1986.

Campbell was elected as governor of South Carolina in 1986 and re-elected in 1990. Job creation, strong economic growth, education reform and fiscal conservatism were the hallmarks of his administration.

In 1995, Mr. Campbell became President and CEO of the American Council of Life Insurers, the trade arm of the life insurance industry. He retired from that position in January 2002. He served on the board of directors for BMW International, Fluor Corporation, AVX Corporation, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Wackenhut Corporation, TRAC Racing and the Boy Scouts of America.

In an October 2001 letter to the people of South Carolina, Mr. Campbell announced his diagnosis and plans to fight the disease. He was an active supporter of the Alzheimer's Association in South Carolina, raising funds for the association and for the care facility that bears his name and where he spent his final days.

Surviving are his wife Iris, his son Carroll III and wife Elizabeth; son Mike and his wife Ruffin, and four grandchildren, Blakeney Herlong Campbell, Carroll Barrett Campbell, Michael Rhodes Campbell and Marie Riley Campbell, all of Columbia. He is also survived by Anne Mangum, Mary Carpenter, Elizabeth Tatum, and Caroline Campbell.

Instead of flowers, the Campbell family asks that donations be made to the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association, Attention: Carroll Campbell Respite Program, PO Box 7044, Columbia, SC 29202. The Respite Program helps family members relieve the stress they may experience while providing care for a loved one with Alzheimer's.

The governor's body will lie in state on the second floor of the State House between the

House and Senate chambers from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, December 9. The viewing is open to the public. Members of the S.C. Army and Air National Guard will serve as honor guards during this time.

The funeral will be held Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia. The body will be taken by caisson. The funeral will be open to the public, though seating will be very limited.

After the Columbia funeral, the body will be taken to All Saints Episcopal Church at Pawley's Island for a brief service inside the church at 4 p.m., followed by burial in the church cemetery. This service, too, will be open to the public, though seating will be very limited.

Pallbearers will be officers representing SLED, the Department of Natural Resources and the S.C. Highway Patrol. Members of his former security detail will be honorary pallbearers.

Dunbar Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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PROVIDING THAT HAMAS AND OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS HELD BY PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in introducing this critical resolution, which states unequivocally that Hamas should not be permitted to participate in the upcoming Palestinian elections unless it disarms, renounces terrorism, ceases incitement and recognizes Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

Since its establishment in 1987, Hamas has used terrorism as a means of achieving its primary political goal—that is, the destruction of Israel. Hamas has masterminded and carried out numerous terrorist attacks, and are responsible for maiming thousands and killing hundreds of innocent Israelis in addition to 26 Americans.

As we approach the Palestinian parliamentary election on January 25, Hamas has opted to participate—for the first time—in the political process. While this presents a unique opportunity for the Palestinian Authority to delineate red lines for political participation—including the denunciation of terror and disarming of militant groups—no preconditions have been set. Instead, the Palestinian Authority has sat by as Hamas continues to assert its right to run for the parliament as a means of promoting its unconscionable agenda of incitement and terror against Israel.

The upcoming Palestinian election presents a critical test for President Mahmoud Abbas, who has, thus far, failed to dismantle terrorist organizations such as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas. The recent suicide bombing in Netanya served as a painful reminder that Mr. Abbas's plan for "one authority, one gun" has yet to be realized, and this resolution is intended to send him a message that he must translate empty rhetoric into concrete action on the ground.

The disarmament of Hamas and the true implementation of "one authority, one gun" is in

the best interest of the Palestinian people, and the essential first step toward creating an atmosphere conducive to peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical issue, I was unable to vote yesterday on rollcall No. 633, H. Res. 602, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2830, the Pension Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO NATALIE TERESA LANAM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Natalie Teresa Lanam, a distinguished and beloved resident of San Mateo County, CA, who died on December 8, 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

Natalie Lanam was a native of San Francisco's Mission District and her Mexican heritage was a source of great pride to her. She was a faith-filled woman who was respected throughout our community for her decades of volunteerism and for the professionalism she brought to every effort she was associated with.

Natalie Lanam was an effective fund-raiser for the causes she held dear. She volunteered for local schools and Easter Seals, and she was best known for her commitment to providing legal services for anyone who needed them, regardless of their ability to pay. For more than 15 years she volunteered for the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County and her efforts were honored by the society when they named their building the Natalie Lanam Criminal Justice Center.

Natalie Lanam is survived by her husband of 55 years, the Honorable Bill Lanam who served with distinction on the Superior Court in San Mateo County and who was first elected as a result of Natalie's superb organizing efforts. Natalie and Bill's family of 4 daughters, 2 sons, 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren are a testament to the values of Natalie Lanam and her special gifts to the world God has called her from.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a remarkable woman for her lifetime of devotion to her family, her faith, her community and her country and extending our deepest condolences to Judge Lanam and the entire Lanam family.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS F. MALLORY, JR.

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of

Starkville, Mississippi's great citizens, in fact, an outstanding businessman recognized across the entire state and a family man of great reputation. Lewis F. Mallory, Jr., is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the National Bank of Commerce, now known in Mississippi as Cadence Bank. He was inducted this year into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame.

Lewis has been a leader in Mississippi banking circles for decades, and has been very successful in leading his bank through a period of tremendous growth. When Lewis began his career, his bank had about \$8 million in assets, two locations and 20 employees. Today, he has \$1.4 billion in assets in 32 offices in 12 communities throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The company provides jobs for more than 475 people with earnings to exceed \$14 million.

Lewis grew up on the campus of Mississippi State University where his father served as Vice President for Business Affairs. He graduated from MSU with special honors in 1965 with a degree in Banking and Finance and a minor in Economics. While in college, Lewis was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Currently, Lewis is a member of the Board of Directors, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Mississippi Economic Council, Mississippi State University Foundation, Mississippi Catholic Foundation, Greater Starkville Development Partnership and is on the Senior Executive Advisory Council for the College of Business and Industry at Mississippi State University.

Lewis is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Starkville and he and his wife Pie are the parents of two sons, Marcus and Lewis F. III.

Mr. Speaker, Lewis Mallory is a highly respected businessman and community leader and he thrives on promoting Starkville and Oktibbeha County. I commend him on his selection of the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame and I am proud that he is one of my constituents.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE THAT SYMBOLS AND TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS SHOULD BE PROTECTED

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Madam. Speaker, I am troubled and disappointed that this resolution concerning Christmas is before the House today. It is a solution in search of a problem, it is divisive, and it comes at the cost of substantive issues that should be addressed.

There is a sad irony in this resolution. Christmas is supposed to be a season of goodwill, bringing people together, a holiday that brings out the best in us, and encourages us to reach out to our fellow man. Instead, this resolution was created simply so the Majority could pat itself on the back. It is a straw man, and should not have been considered by the House because it is needlessly divisive and inappropriate.

It comes as a surprise to no one, I'm sure, that as a Christian, I support and look forward to celebrating Christmas with my friends and family. But this is beside the point. More importantly, I support and respect the right of my fellow citizens to celebrate religion as they chose.

The House floor should not be manipulated so one group or members can revel in their own sanctimony. What makes America a great and free society is our system of government and our Constitution, which provides each citizen with broad, basic rights and freedoms. One of these is freedom of religion. This right treats all religions, and the lack of religion, equally. Yet today in this resolution, the House singles out one religion over the others, and defends one religious holiday at the expense of others. I wish this resolution had not come to the floor.

Just over a month ago, the House of Representatives unanimously supported a resolution that I sponsored which stressed the need for continuing interreligious dialogue and respect. Rather than "protecting" one specific religious holiday, we should protect and defend all of them. And we should honor the right of every citizen to celebrate or not celebrate these religious holidays as they chose. We should support and protect Hanukkah, Kwanza, Diwali, and all other religious holidays. It is my experience that the American people are much more respectful of each other's differences than the House may believe. They do not need to be told to respect the symbols of Christmas. They already do, just as they respect other religions.

Rather than creating a false argument over Christmas, the House should honor the spirit of Christmas through its own actions. Christmas is not about trees and candy canes, it is about a spirit of giving and helping those who need help. If the House wants to do something about Christmas, it should protect the various federal programs the Majority is trying to cut, such as food stamps, Medicaid, and money to help low income families pay their home heating bills. Ending the cuts on these essential programs for the poor and disadvantaged in our society would truly honor Christmas.

I will vote present on this resolution because it does not belong on the House floor.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, the House today passed the Pension Protection Act. I voted in favor of this legislation, though with great reservation.

The Pension Protection Act is a comprehensive attempt to reform our Nation's pension laws. Congress is taking up this issue in the wake of several major corporations defaulting on their pension plans. American workers are crying out for assistance as their nest eggs, for which they've worked their entire lives, are shrinking before their very eyes. I don't think anyone can argue the fact that something must be done.

But H.R. 2830 is a far cry from what is needed to place our pension system on a

strong foundation. I am concerned that the workers in many of our Nation's oldest industries are going to lose out when this legislative process shakes out. I am concerned that the future of the defined benefit—and the future of the worker's nest egg built through a defined benefit plan—is in jeopardy. And I am concerned that companies will continue to be able to dump their negotiated pension plans through bankruptcy proceedings.

Today's bill does not go far enough in alleviating my concerns.

However, I can tolerate this legislation for the simple reason that it gives us an opportunity to go to conference and improve this bill. And improve it we must—or I will be unable to support final passage on a conference agreement.

Today's debate was a needed and necessary exercise. But as we look to conference, we must remain focused on protecting the retirement dreams, and indeed the American dream, to which so many of our workers look forward.

If the conference report doesn't include the silver lining of pension protection our workers will depend upon in their golden years, I will be unable to support this bill on final passage.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RALPH J. CELENTO III SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a great American, Chief Master Sergeant Ralph J. Celento III. I honor him today for his 30 years of service in the United States Air Force.

Chief Celento's most recent assignment was flight chief, vehicle operations for the 99th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 99th Mission Support Group, 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. In this position Chief Celento was responsible for all enlisted matters and he assisted the flight commander in daily missions. In addition, Chief Celento directed over 150 personnel, ten sections, and ensured that vehicle management services to Nellis AFB were complete.

Chief Celento was born in Rochester, New York and entered the Air Force in 1976. His Air Force career has included assignments in various transportation and logistical programs on bases in North Carolina, California, Washington, Maryland, and Mississippi. Chief Celento also served overseas in Japan, Germany and the Republic of Korea.

Chief Celento has been awarded over 19 major awards and decorations during his distinguished service in the Air Force including the Bronze Star, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and more.

Chief Celento's accomplishments also include the White House Communication Agency Award, Best Vehicle Operations Flight in Air Education and Training Command, Verne