

1987, after secretary Malcolm Baldrige was killed in a rodeo accident. He served until the end of Reagan's term in January 1989.

As U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Verity established the Malcolm Baldrige Award, which "in the 1990s helped businesses improve the quality of their work," John Verity said.

He then retired and moved to Beaufort's Spanish Point neighborhood in the early '90s with his wife, Peggy, who died in 1999.

"He was a giant of a man," Verity's next door neighbor and friend of 21 years, Guy McSweeney, said Thursday. "He was one of the most remarkable men I have ever known; everyone that knew him loved him."

Between 1970 and the 1980s, Verity served as chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and as chairman of the U.S.-Soviet Trade and Economic Council.

Reagan also appointed him as the chairman of the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives.

Verity worked for Armco Steel from 1946 until he retired in 1982 as chairman of the board of the company now known as AK Steel Corp. He is the grandson of George M. Verity, who founded the firm.

Verity was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946.

McSweeney said Verity maintained a lifelong interest in the Navy.

About 10 years ago, McSweeney said he and Verity rode aboard what was originally a Soviet training ship, the Druzha, from the Bahamas to Maryland alongside 200 U.S. Navy and Russian cadets.

"He was always coming up with something fun to do," McSweeney said. "From duck hunting or riding on a jet to California, he was always into something."

Neighbor Polly Swenson recalled a time when former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor visited Verity at his Spanish Point home and caught a speckled bass from his dock.

Swenson said even in his later years, when Verity used a motorized scooter, he would sit on a bluff behind his home nearly every day and look out to the water.

"He would always say, 'Isn't this the most beautiful place on Earth?'" Swenson said. "Beaufort was very much a part of him."

Verity and his wife played active roles in Beaufort's community and were responsible for raising money for several organizations, including a Verity scholarship fund through the Technical College of the Lowcountry and an education fund for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry.

"He just loved people," longtime friend Helen Harvey said. "He loved to help people; he did so much for so many people through his connections."

St. Helena Island resident and freelance editor Cheryl Lopaniuk helped Verity organize information for his biography, "59 Years with the Right Woman," a recollection of Verity's life with a focus on his wife, self-published in 2003.

"He was devastated in losing her, but he wanted to put this book together because he knew it would have made her happy," Lopaniuk said. "He had wonderful stories and memories that were very exact . . . He had a very good perspective on his life."

Verity was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Middletown, Ohio, a son of Elizabeth O'Brien and Calvin William Verity Sr.

He was a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University.

Verity was a member of the boards of directors of Mead Corp., Chase Manhattan Bank, Eli Lilly, Taft Broadcasting, the First National Bank in Middletown and The Chairman of the Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy "Happy" Verity Power of Edwards, Colo.;

two sons, Jonathan George Verity and William Wymond Verity of Beaufort; two sisters, Betsy Verity Blakey of Columbus, Ohio, and Jean Verity Woodhull of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at The First Presbyterian Church, Beaufort. The family will receive friends after services at 120 Spanish Point Drive, Beaufort.

Burial will be at the Woodside Cemetery in Middletown.

Memorials may be made to the Bill and Peggy Verity Career Education Fund for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry, 17B Marshellen Drive, Beaufort, SC 29902.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER DWAYNE FREETO

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the collective grief of the people of North Texas in the death of Fort Worth Officer Dwayne Freeto, who died in a car crash while stopping to assist a young woman with a flat tire.

The young woman, Adriana Delgadillo, refers to Officer Dwayne Freeto as "a guardian angel." As a dedicated servant of the community as well as a loving father and husband, Mr. Freeto was not going to leave Miss Delgadillo until he knew she was safe. His amiable character and devotion to others are few among many qualities that contributed to his heroic nature. The grief from his loss is not only shared by his family and fellow police brethren but also by the greater Tarrant County area.

Mr. Dwayne Freeto was a wonderful father to his two daughters, Jordin and Jenna, and treasured spending time with them. He also loved his wife, Karen Freeto, dearly, and despite the unusual hours he was assigned to patrol, he always ate meals with his wife and daughters before work. Officer Dwayne Freeto's personality and selflessness made him a trusted friend, devoted husband and father, and a grateful son.

As a patrol officer, Mr. Freeto's courage and loyalty brought hope of a safer community—my community. He will be remembered as a husband and father, a hero, and a friend. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends; he was a true gift to this world.

RECOGNIZES CENTENARIAN WINONAH GREENE OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Winonah Greene of Hernando County, Florida. Winonah has done something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Born January 13, 1906 in Petersburg, Virginia, Winonah graduated from high school with honors and received a four-year scholar-

ship to college. Her fondest childhood memories are of the times she spent in school and church and her involvement in many community programs and services.

Hired as a schoolteacher, Winonah taught at different schools in Virginia and Pennsylvania for twenty years. She then began working as a government clerk at the Veterans Administration's offices in Pennsylvania, where she worked for another twenty years. An active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for 80 years, she has been a member of the Omega Omega Chapter since 1946, which recently celebrated its 80th year.

During her years as a teacher, Winonah proudly took part in the civil rights movement and attended an event where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Was a speaker. She spoke of this personal experience as a part of America's history in her classroom teachings.

Winonah married Ervie Greene in 1942 and was blessed with one daughter. Following her husband's death in 1983, Winonah lived alone in Pennsylvania until she moved to Hernando County in January of 2006 to be closer to her family.

Winonah now spends time with her two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She says the advantage of being close to so many businesses and the friendliness of the community is what she likes best about Hernando County. Winonah says the proudest moment in her life was a surprise celebration of her 100th birthday!

Her advice to young people today is, "Work hard, stay in school, select a dream and work towards its success. You can do it if you try!" Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Winonah Greene for reaching her 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as her.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 15, a resolution to honor the late President Gerald Ford who passed away on December 26, 2006. A man of great honor and integrity who led this country through one of the most difficult times in our history, he will be remembered as a fair, respected leader who was able to rise above partisanship to serve the citizens of this nation.

President Ford, born in Omaha, Nebraska and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, embodied the spirit of the Midwest. He was hardworking, modest, unassuming, and throughout his life held an unabashed pride in the University of Michigan where he starred on the football team. During World War II, President Ford earned the title of lieutenant commander and several honors while serving this country in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Ford began his political career when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Representative from Grand Rapids, Michigan. He held that seat from 1949 until 1973, and of the 25 years he served in the House, he was minority leader for 8.