

HONORING JACOB GEORGE HUDSON

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Jacob George Hudson, or Shag as he was known by almost everyone, is one of the most liked and respected men in Greenback, Tennessee, a town in my District. I recently received the sad news that Shag passed away at the age of 93.

He lived a long life full of family, friends, and the respect of everyone who knew him.

He was a very close friend to both me and my late father and one of the strongest supporters we ever had.

Although Shag accomplished much personal success, his devotion to God, family, and Country always came first.

He was a member of Greenback First Presbyterian Church for 62 years and served his congregation in every way possible as an Elder and Deacon. Before his death, Shag asked that people donate to the Greenback First Presbyterian Church Building Fund upon his passing instead of sending flowers. Even in death, he continued to give.

Shag also devoted his life to his community. He served on the Loudon County Commission from 1954–1982. In that capacity, he married more than 3,000 couples. I cannot think of a better way to strengthen the base of a community than with an investment in family, and Shag has been there from the beginning for so many families in Greenback. Shag did not just officiate the ceremonies, but he also served as a living example of commitment through his 69-year marriage to his wife Willie Dixon Hudson.

Many in Greenback also know Shag from his 65 years as a cattle broker and his 60-year membership in the Greenback Masonic lodge.

He is especially proud of the time he spent as a member of the Farm Service Agency State Committee from 1987–1992. In this position, he was able to help farmers all across the State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to call the remarkable life of Shag Hudson to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and extend my sympathies to his wife Willie, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Judy Hudson, daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Johnny Powell, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and brother Howard. He is greatly missed and fondly remembered by everyone lucky enough to have known him.

IN HONOR OF THE DUTCH KILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the Dutch Kills Civic Association, a not-for-profit organization that has made significant contributions to the economic and civic life of the community in western Queens that it serves. This month, the Dutch Kills Civic Association is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Fundraiser and Celebration at Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens.

The historic community of Dutch Kills traces its origins back to the original settlers of Queens in the seventeenth century, who were first granted a license to settle the area in 1642. In recognition of that heritage, the Dutch Kills Civic Association adopted a windmill as part of its logo when it was first founded in 1979.

Under the able stewardship of its President, Gerald J. Walsh, and its Executive Director, George Stamatiades, the Dutch Kills Civic Association embraced as its mission the promotion and stimulation of a more active participation in the improving and maintaining of proper services of the community. The Association focuses on maintaining the quality of life and assuring the adequate delivery of municipal government services in the areas such as health, safety, housing, ecology, highways and traffic, sanitation, lighting, education, fire, police protection, youth and senior citizens welfare, planning and zoning development, consumer protection, utilities, fair taxation, and water supply. Its members seek to represent, unite, and mobilize the Dutch Kills community in order to maintain the community as a desirable place in which to live and work.

The Dutch Kills Civic Association made an invaluable contribution to city planning efforts when it commissioned a land use survey and report in March and April of 2005. The Survey included a Visual Field Inspection of land use in the Dutch Kills community, with the results were placed on 37 grid maps that were color coded, graphed and totaled. The survey inspected all structures on streets, avenues and roads in the Dutch Kills community and has provided an invaluable guide to community leaders, residents, and civic planners.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to offer my heartiest congratulations to the Dutch Kills Civic Association as it marks three decades of representing its community in western Queens. I salute the work of the Dutch Kills Civic Association and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Association and its members for their many contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF RON HAYES TOWARDS ENHANCING WORK-PLACE SAFETY AND AWARENESS

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to bring to the attention of the House the work of a remarkable American and constituent of mine, Mr. Ron Hayes, of Fairhope, Alabama.

As blessed as we are to be living in America, we would do well to remember that our society continues to be enhanced through the noble efforts of those who tirelessly and passionately pursue a better quality of life for us all. These often unsung heroes seek only the reward of knowing they have transformed our laws and our land for the better.

I rise today to honor one such individual who has spent nearly two decades advocating for the safety of all Americans in the workplace and to provide timely moral support to

the accident victims and their families. His efforts have made a difference.

Ron Hayes began his journey to improve workplace safety in 1993 when he lost his beloved 19-year-old son, Patrick, to a grain silo accident in Florida. Facing tremendous emotional pain, Ron and his wife, Dot, sought details of their son's death as well as survivor's benefits from local, state and federal agencies, only to be met with delays and few answers. After two years of navigating the bureaucracy, they resolved to learn everything they could about workplace safety standards and sought ways to both improve job safety rules and enforcement.

Ron Hayes' dedication resulted in the revision of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's, OSHA, grain handling standards. But this was only the beginning.. Ron and his wife founded the Families In Grief Hold Together Project, a non-profit group devoted to assisting families and workers cope with the consequences of workplace accidents and deaths.

Some 10,000 people lose their lives while working each year. Ron Hayes worked with OSHA to create a policy which the agency often uses in communicating with family members after a workplace accident.

Since its founding, the FIGHT Project has reached out to nearly 800 families, providing valuable help in the grieving process, negotiating the red tape and finally, in healing.

Ron Hayes could have stopped there, but his dedication to improving worker safety has motivated him to speak to almost 50,000 workers and taken him to some of the largest companies in the world. He has testified before Congress on numerous occasions and has served as a special advisor to the Senate Labor Committee.

Ron Hayes has been awarded many awards for humanitarian efforts.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of this entire House, I commend Ron Hayes' selfless dedication to worker safety while providing comfort and valuable counsel to families.

In our society it is possible for one person, or in this case a husband and wife, to make a difference that will positively impact the lives of millions. Ron Hayes has shown us that a lone voice for good can not only be heard, but can change society for the better.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Monday, November 29, 2010.

However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

"Yea" on H.R. 5877 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building."

"Yea" on H. Res. 771, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.