

HONORING CHARLOTTE NEWFELD

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an important member of the Chicago community, Charlotte Newfeld, who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 26.

Charlotte has long been an outstanding activist in the community since she moved to Chicago in the 1950s. Since then, she has been a marathon runner of community activism, tackling a myriad of important issues.

One such issue is her dedication to equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. Among other accomplishments, she helped establish the Chicago Mayor's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues and lobbied for the passage of the city's gay-inclusive human rights ordinance. In 1996, she was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.

Additionally, Charlotte has been a vocal green advocate and environmentalist. Serving as the project director of the Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, she organizes volunteers to keep the area clean and safe. Due to her steadfast dedication to the eight acres of the sanctuary, she has earned the nickname some have given her, "the Jarvis Earth mother."

Twenty years ago, I saw firsthand the tenacity and dedication with which Charlotte pursued every issue she found important, from LGBT and environmental issues to an organization we founded together: CUBS, or Citizens United for Baseball in Sunshine. The community would be better off if we had more people like her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Charlotte Newfeld for her years of service and to thank her for 80 great and dedicated years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE ONORATO, DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Senator George Onorato, a distinguished public servant who will be retiring from the New York State Legislature at the end of the current session. Throughout his career, George Onorato has devoted himself to his country and to public service.

In recognition of his lifetime of service to others, Senator Onorato was honored last month by the Taminent Democratic Club in Astoria, New York. George Onorato has served as the Chair of its Board of Directors since 1972, and this year is marking his sixth decade as an active Club member. As its Male District Leader, he has helped ensure the Taminent Club's premier status as one of the largest and most active Democratic political clubs in all of Queens County. He is a lifelong resident of the western Queens commu-

nity that he has served as an elected official with distinction for more than a quarter century.

A compassionate, dedicated public servant, Senator Onorato is deservedly respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle in both chambers of the New York State Legislature. Since first being elected to represent the people of his beloved Queens in the New York State Senate in 1983, he has successfully sponsored legislation to preserve and improve the quality of life for consumers, tenants, the environment, members and fellow veterans of the U.S. armed forces, and the elderly, including hundreds of thousands of Medicare patients. He has served in the Senate leadership since 1992, currently holding the position of Assistant Majority Leader and the Senate Majority's Liaison to the Executive Branch. Drawing on the keen understanding of the needs of working men and women that he developed while serving for a decade and a half as Secretary/Treasurer of Bricklayer's Local #41, George Onorato is Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Labor. He has also been a champion of the environment and in particular on issues involving air quality and on waterfront development. He has also been a passionate and effective advocate for providing more affordable housing for the elderly and for moderate and low income New Yorkers. He is a past President of the Conference of Italian American Legislators.

In addition to his long and distinguished tenure as a New York State Senator, George Onorato served heroically in our nation's armed forces. He earned a Presidential Citation for his service in the United States Army, 118th Medical Battalion from 1950 to 1952. Steadfast in his devotion to his fellow veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces, he sponsored legislation providing student aid to Vietnam veterans, and in 1997 introduced a measure to increase the level of such funding. He sponsored and supported legislation to help develop a database for research on dioxin-related birth defects of children born to Vietnam veterans. And in 2003, Senator Onorato helped found the bipartisan New York State Armed Forces Legislative Caucus.

In addition to his dedicated public service, George Onorato is deeply devoted to his family and his faith. He is married to the former Athena Georgakakos. They have three adult children, Joanne, George and Janice, and six grandchildren. His wife regularly accompanies him to legislative sessions in Albany, where the two of them are a universally admired and inseparable couple.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his courageous wartime service to our country in the United States Army, to the people of the State of New York, and to his beloved family, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me to pay tribute to the enormous contributions to civic life made by the Honorable George Onorato.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" HENRY FRIEND, JR.

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jack Friend, a respected Mobile

businessman, historian and author who recently passed away at the age of 81.

A consummate scholar, a lover of military traditions and the foremost authority on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay, Jack Friend was passionate about Mobile and its past.

A native of Mobile, Jack Friend was a graduate of McGill Institute, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Jack proudly served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant and tank company commander in Korea. His deep reverence for military service and his country were an important part of Jack's life.

After his military service, he founded a market research company in Mobile which he headed for some 25 years.

Jack made his mark as a local military historian. In 2004, he wrote the definitive work on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay—"West Wind, Flood Tide: The Battle of Mobile Bay."

Jack was also a lover of the outdoors, sports fishing and local wildlife and was a member of many civic and historic organizations in Baldwin and Mobile counties.

I wish to extend my condolences to Jack's family for their loss: his wife, Venetia Friend; his sons, John Friend and Danner Friend; and his sister, Emily Bayle; and five grandchildren. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DONALD WILLIAMS, SR.

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, friends and staff of Mr. Donald Williams, Sr., to pay tribute to him as he steps back from his intense community involvement including his work with the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. I have had the privilege of working on many civic and community activities with Don throughout the years, and am delighted to honor him today.

Don Williams, Sr. received his Bachelor's degree in special education at Eastern Michigan University and went on to receive a Master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia University. Assuming responsibility for the administration of special colleges at Rutgers University was the beginning of Don's career, which has spanned over 30 years of experience in the administration of special programs with special emphasis and political sensitivity.

Throughout his career, Don has received widespread recognition for his considerable talent in assisting minority students. In 1980, his devotion to improving opportunities for minority youth led him to Grand Rapids, when he was approached by a group of educators and professionals working to create a residential training center for youth. This position led Don to be named Director of the Minority Business Education Center at the prestigious F.E. Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University. In 1989, he was named GVSU Dean of Minority Affairs/Multicultural Center. During his service at GVSU, Don coordinated and developed programs to assist minority students on campus, and created a