

The county put up funds, enlisted volunteer and inmate labor and received grant money to add the ballfield, dugout, playground, basketball court and volleyball court.

It was named after Roger Andrews' late wife, Sandy, who was killed in 1991 when a train hit her vehicle at a nearby railroad crossing.

"This could not have happened without the generosity of the Andrews family," said Commission Chairman Butch Hogan during the dedication.

Sandy Andrews would have been very excited to see the park finished, according to her family.

She was involved in youth sports in the North Cove community, where she and her husband lived.

"It's a great tribute to a great woman," said Hogan.

Ben McCall, president of North Cove Youth Activities, spoke to the group, saying that area residents are proud of their community and of their children.

"America will hopefully return to a lot of the things North Cove never left," he noted. "Ours are good kids and they're worth our effort. This is only a portion of what we should do for them."

He also praised the hard work many in the community had put into making the park a reality, adding that Roger Andrews had spent many long, hot days laboring to get it finished.

Roger Andrews acknowledged the effort so many had made and said watching the park benefit local children would be all the reward he and his family wanted for their investment.

After introducing Sandy Andrews' three sons, Benji, Brian and Lee, he read a chapter from Corinthians which he said had been his late wife's favorite.

She always had tremendous amount of patience, he said, and possessed the ability to endure ad great deal without complaint.

"Charity, which Sandy possessed such a great measure of, is the only thing that exists beyond the grave," he said. "We got this done with the inspiration she left with us."

After the dedication, organizers held a potato sack race, a three-legged race, a wheelbarrow race and an egg and spoon race.

There was also youth softball, volleyball, soccer, basketball and softball for the visitors.

[From the McDowell News, Sept. 15, 1998]
PARK A TRIBUTE TO BOTH ANDREWS AND
COMMUNITY

The Sandy Andrews Memorial Park in North Cove is a triumph born of tragedy.

Sandy Andrews, a wife and mother who was active in her community, died in 1991 when a train struck her vehicle at a railroad crossing. The Andrews family donated 10 acres of land off U.S. 221 for a recreation park that would help keep Sandy's memory alive and provide a much needed place in North Cove for people to come together for fun and fellowship.

On Saturday, county officials, community leaders, members of the Andrews family and residents of North Cove helped dedicate that park.

"This could not have happened without the generosity of the Andrews family," said County Commission Chairman Butch Hogan.

And it could not have happened without a joint effort between the community and local government.

The park is an example of what can be done through cooperation. While the red tape and bureaucracy inherent to government can often be frustrating, this is one time when all the pieces came together.

The county earmarked money for the park, secured grants to help with its development and coordinated with the state to provide inmate labor for the project. Roger Andrews, husband of Sandy, spent a great deal of time along with many other members of the community helping with its development.

The park is an asset to North Cove and it stands as a tribute to a good woman, a generous family and a caring community.

EULOGY FOR MEG DONOVAN

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, over the week-end Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivered a eulogy for Meg Donovan, who departed this world on October 1. I ask that Secretary Albright's eulogy for Meg be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

EULOGY FOR MEG

Father D'Silvo; Duffy, Colin, Emma, Liam, Mr. Daniel Donovan, Patrick, Paula, Mary Ellen, and other members of Meg Donovan's family; colleagues, friends and acquaintances of Meg:

There are times when it seems more fitting just to stammer with emotion than to speak with finely turned phrases.

It does not seem fair; it is not fair that Heaven, which already has so much, now has so much more. And that we here on Earth, who need so much, have lost someone who is irreplaceable in our hearts.

This we know. Meg could not pass from one world to the other without changing both.

We are crushed with grief. But the scriptures say that those who mourn are blessed for they shall be comforted; and we are comforted by the knowledge that, somewhere up above, God is getting an earful on human rights.

I did not become acquainted with Meg Donovan until I went to the State Department in 1993. Like her, I was a mother of three, including twins. I felt I understood better than some others might the choices and challenges she faced. But many of you knew her longer and more intimately than I. I cannot capture her personality or her career in full.

To me, if there is one word that sums up Meg, it is "completeness."

There are others in this town who are smart and good at their jobs; others with a commitment to causes that are right and just; others who bargain shrewdly and hard; others with a warm and wonderful sense of humor; others who understand the obligations of friendship; others who are devoted and loving to their families; others who have the discipline to live their faith.

There may even be others with Christmas sweaters that light up and play jingle bells. But rarely have the elements of true character been so artfully mixed as they were in Meg Donovan. Van Gogh is arriving in Washington; but a human masterpiece is gone.

When I was designated by President Clinton to serve as Secretary of State, I did what my predecessor, Warren Christopher, did. I turned to the person with the best instincts in Washington on how to deal with our friends on Capitol Hill. That was Meg. We began preparing in December.

Now, naturally, I thought the President had made a brilliant choice for the job, but I had to wonder, as we went along in practice, and Meg corrected and improved upon my every answer on every subject, whether

there was anyone more qualified to be Secretary of State than she.

Of course, that being December, the birthday of the twins came along. And naturally, Liam and Emma didn't understand why their mother couldn't promise to attend the party. Their proposal, passed on and advocated by Meg, was that we adjourn our practice session and re-convene at Chuck E. Cheese. It is typical that, when the hour of the party drew near, Meg excused herself, and did not ask but told her new boss, that she was heading for Chuck E. Cheese.

When he was Secretary of State, George Marshall used to tell his staff "don't fight the problem, decide it, then take action." I suspect he would have like Meg a lot because, all her life, Meg was a doer.

Like quite a few others, she came to Washington committed to the fight for tolerance and respect for basic human rights for all people. What set her apart is that she could still make that claim after having worked here 25 years.

Whether at the Helsinki Commission, or the House Committee on International Relations, or the Department of State, Meg was one of the good guys. She could out-talk anyone, but talk isn't what she was after. She wanted change.

She wanted Soviet Jews to be able to exercise their right to emigrate. She wanted Tibetans to be able to preserve their heritage. She wanted prisoners of conscience to breathe the air of freedom. She wanted women to have the power to make choices that would determine the course of their lives.

Above all, she wanted to draw on and draw out the best in America: the America that would use its resources and power to help others achieve the blessings we all too often take for granted.

There were her ideals, but Meg was more than a dreamer. No one was more effective than she at creating the coalitions, marshaling the arguments and devising the strategies that would yield concrete results.

One of Meg's big problems was that she knew the system better and played it better than anyone else. So, whenever we found ourselves in a real legislative mess, which was not more than three or four times a week, we turned to Meg to help get us out.

Around the Department and earlier in her years on Capitol Hill, Meg's energy and wisdom added sparkle to every meeting. When she spoke, people listened. When she listened, people chose their words with care. She was thoughtful and patient with those who, by virtue of experience or ability, needed her help. She brought out the best in others; just as she demanded the best from herself.

In our collective mind's eye, we can still see her striding purposefully down a hall with her arms full of folders, trailed by some hapless Ambassadorial nominee whose future had been entrusted to Meg's capable hands.

We see her, hugely pregnant, maneuvering around swivel chairs and outthrust elbows on the cramped dais of the House International Relations Committee.

We see her serious and firm, forearms chopping the air for emphasis, persuading us with eloquence and passion that doing the right thing is also the smart thing.

We see her relaxing at an office party, gold bracelets flashing, surrounded by flowers from her garden, a cherub's face aglow with health and life, 100 megawatt smile turned on full.

We see her where she most belonged, with Duffy, her partner of 24 years, and with their children.

And as we see her, we also hear that inimitable laugh, which was not exactly musical, but which conveyed a love and enjoyment of

living that somehow makes what happened even harder to believe and accept.

Meg knew the impermanence of life. She lost her mother to cancer and a sister to cystic fibrosis. So she made the most of every single day.

The poet, William Blake, wrote that:

He who binds himself to a joy
Does the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

No force, not even life itself, could bind Meg Donovan or ground her flight. She was only 47. But, in that time, her gifts to those of us who are gathered here and to those from around the world who have benefited directly or indirectly from her commitment, were full and rich.

This morning, as she looks down upon us, I know that she would expect us to cry and that, if she could, she would herself hand us the tissues. But she would also want us to be thankful for our time together, and to dedicate ourselves to improving our own lives by helping others.

We are sad today, but our sorrow is accompanied by the abundance of joy in the memories we share, the life we celebrate and the love that surrounds us.

May that joy melt, over time, the clouds of our grief.

May Meg's family, especially, draw comfort from our affection and from the deep respect we held for her.

And may Meg Donovan rest in peace, for we will never, never forget her.

COMPENSATION OF RETIRED MILITARY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to submit the following for inclusion in the RECORD on behalf of the veterans of Rhode Island.

[From the State of Rhode Island in General Assembly, January Session, A.D. 1998]

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AMEND TITLE TEN, UNITED STATES CODE, RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF RE- TIRED MILITARY

Introduced by: Representative Pires.

Date introduced: March 25, 1998.

Referred to: Committee on Finance.

Whereas, American servicemen and women have dedicated their careers to protect the rights we all enjoy; and

Whereas, Career military personnel endured hardships, privation, the threat of death, disability and long separations from their families in service to our country; and

Whereas, Integral to the success of our military forces are those soldiers and sailors who have made a career of defending our great nation in peace and war from the revolutionary war to present day; and

Whereas, There exists a gross inequity in the federal statutes that denies disabled career military equal rights to receive Veterans Administration disability compensation concurrent with receipt of earned military retired pay; and

Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to remedy this inequity applicable to career military dating back to the nineteenth century; and

Whereas, The injustice concerns those veterans who are both retired with a minimum of 20 years, are denied concurrent receipt of

hard earned military longevity retirement pay and Veterans Administration awards for service connected with disability; and

Whereas, Career military earn retirement benefits based on longevity of twenty years for honorable and faithful service and rank at time of retirement; and

Whereas, Veterans administered compensations serve a different purpose from longevity retired pay and are intended to compensate for pain, suffering, disfigurement, chemicals, wound injuries and a loss of earning ability and have a minimum requirement of 90 days of active duty; and

Whereas, The prevailing idea that military retirement pay is "free" is false. There is a contribution to retirement pay, which is calculated to reduce military base pay and retirement pay by approximately seven percent when pay and allowances are computed and approved by Congress; and

Whereas, Traditionally, a career military person receives a lower pay and retirement than his or her civilian counterpart and has invested a life of hardships and long hours without the benefit of overtime pay and lack of freedom of expression through the unions; and

Whereas, The Veterans Administration awards dependents allowances to disabled veterans with a thirty percent (30%) disability or more for each dependent, which allowances are increased with the amount of disability; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense deducts the entire amounts of dependents allowance, essentially leaving the disabled military retiree with no dependents allowance and that extends the discrimination to the families of military longevity retirees; and

Whereas, It is unfair to require disabled military retirees to fund their own Veterans Administration compensation by deductions on a dollar for dollar basis in the Department of Defense; and

Whereas, No such deduction applies to similarly situated federal civil service or Congressional retirement benefits to receive Veterans Administration compensation; and

Whereas, A statutory change is necessary to correct this injustice and discrimination in order to insure that America's commitment to national and international goals be matched by the same allegiance to those who sacrificed on behalf of those goals; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby urges the United States Congress to amend title ten, United States Code relating to the compensation of retired military, permitting concurrent receipt of military retired pay and Veterans Administration compensation, including dependents allowances; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. Congress, Speaker of the House, Committee Chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee and Veterans Affairs Committee, House Committee Chairman, National Security and Veterans Affairs Committee, and each member of the Rhode Island Delegation to Congress.

LANE MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1866-1998

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lane Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the District's most distinguished congregations, on the occasion of its 132th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration. Lane has a long history of community service and has touched the lives of thousands through its outreach ministries that include the "Break of Life" Ministry and the Clothes Closet.

Lane was established in 1866 under the pastorate of the late Reverend Henson Primrose. The original and present site at 14th and C Street, NE was purchased with the assistance of General O.O. Howard, head of the Freedmen's Bureau and founder of Howard University. Participating in the purchase were Lane officers: Jacob Crumpton, James Green and Benjamin Whitaker.

In 1898, under the leadership of the Reverend J.R. White, the original white frame building was torn down, and a brick edifice was erected. In 1924, under the direction of Reverend P.L. Moore, an addition was constructed in the rear of the church. Following the death, in 1937, of the Right Reverend Isaac Lane, Fifth Bishop of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, the East Washington Mission was renamed Lane Chapel in his honor. In 1945, under the pastorate of Reverend C.E. Kelly, the mortgage was paid off and the church was renovated. The parsonage, at 1615 East Capitol Street, NE, was purchased, in 1951, while Reverend W.C. Doty was the pastor.

The church was deeded to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1954, the denomination's name was changed to the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Giles R. Wright served as pastor from 1954-1959. Under his leadership, the church purchased two adjacent lots. In 1977, during the pastorate of Reverend Allen W. Singh, an Educational Building was erected on the two lots. Further renovations were made while Reverend Marshall Jenifer was pastor, including a unique set of stained glass windows and a mural. The windows tell the story of the denomination's illustrious history and proclaims its Christian message. The church offices and parsonage were renovated in 1993, and air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary.

Outstanding among the many former pastors of Lane are, Reverend A.W. Womack, who was elected Bishop in 1950, and Reverend M.L. Breeding who, in 1954, was elected General Secretary of the Department of Kingdom Extension.

Over the years, many sons of Lane have answered the call to the ministry. The church has witnessed the acceptance of the call by five of its sons and two of its daughters: Joseph Carter, Walter Gaskin, Joseph Collins, Oliver Chase, Charles H. Roman, Azarine Mayes McClellan and Paulette M.E. Stevens. The Reverends Helen S. Clanton, Drexel N. Mitchell and Kenneth K. Dubose have served as associate ministers and received their first callings from this congregation. The present