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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Dent Grijalva

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 631, I inadvertently pressed "nay" on the recording device. I intended to vote "yea" On Agreeing to the Conference Report to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Tuesday, November 14,

On rollcall Vote 626, the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule, H. Res. 616, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On rollcall Vote 627, passage of H. Res. 616, the rule for consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2810, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On rollcall Vote 629, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2874, had I been present I would have voted "ves."

On rollcall Vote 630, final passage of H.R. 2874, the 21st Century Flood Reform Act, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On rollcall Vote 631, agreeing to the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, had I been present I would have voted "no."

### RECOGNIZING BASEBALL PLAYER JOSH REDDICK

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize World Series Champion Josh Reddick and all of his efforts to give back to his hometown in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

Baseball fans across America know Mr. Reddick as the Houston Astros' right fielder. But to Rincon, Georgia, Mr. Reddick is a friend and a volunteer who works to improve every corner of his community. Namely, he founded the Josh Reddick Foundation with its most recent project to build an artificial turf baseball field designed specifically for children with special needs.

He donated \$1 million for the project, which will have smooth fields for wheelchairs, a dugout designed for easy access, first class stadium seating, a 10foot by 36-foot scoreboard, and more. Groundbreaking for the field will begin on November 18.

I am proud that World Series Champion Josh Reddick is from the First Congressional District of Georgia, but I am even more proud to see how this fine young man is giving back to his community.

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## SELL A TAX REFORM DREAM TO **AMERICANS**

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

COLEMAN. Mrs. WATSON Speaker, each day the President and congressional Republicans are trying to sell the American people a dream that will not become a reality.

In addition to running up the deficit, lining the pockets of the very wealthy, and eliminating critical deductions that New Jerseyans rely on, this tax scheme dismantles the ladder of opportunity that allows Americans to grow and thrive.

Eliminating the medical expense deduction will devastate households nationwide struggling to recover from high healthcare costs. Removing the student loan interest deduction will cost recent college graduates hundreds of dollars a year, significant to young Americans trying to get on their feet.

Our tax system works best when it is fair, responsible, and supportive of the true drivers of our economy: families, workers, and small businesses.

I refuse to let congressional Republicans try to sell America a dream that never will be reality, and definitely not on the backs of the most vulnerable.

#### CONGRATULATING WAYZATA CROSS COUNTRY

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the Wayzata

girls and boys cross country teams, who both won Minnesota State high school championships this season.

The Wayzata girls' team was led by sophomore Emma Atkinson, who finished in third place overall at State. Three of their runners placed in the top 10, which helped them beat secondplace Edina by 19 points. Dave Emmans, who was the 2014 Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year, did an outstanding job leading the Trojan girls'

On the boys' side, Wayzata senior Khalid Hussein, led the boys' team to victory after coming in first place at State. Six of Wayzata's runners placed in the top 25. This was the Trojans' 10th State championship in 25 years, and Head Coach Mark Popp has now led the team to victory in two of the last three seasons coaching.

Mr. Speaker, cross country takes an immense amount of dedication, passion, and endurance, and it was evident that these Wayzata teams have worked so hard.

Congratulations to the runners, the coaches, and the families for their success this year of the Wayzata cross country boys and girls teams for becoming State champs.

#### HONORING EVELYN MALZBERG

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I rose to honor our Nation's public schools. Today I rise to honor Ms. Evelyn Malzberg, a lady who embodies the saying: "It is never too late to learn."

After graduating high school in 1943, Ms. Malzberg thought about going to college, but Ms. Malzberg's mom told her that no man would marry a woman smarter than he is. So Ms. Malzberg found success elsewhere. She married. raised a family, and had a career as a legal secretary.

Somewhere along the way, Ms. Malzberg concluded that she had made a mistake. She started taking college courses, one a semester. A few years ago, at the young age of 84, Ms. Malzberg graduated from New Jersey City University with a bachelor's degree in creative writing.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Malzberg, a lady whose remarkable story proves how valuable the Nation's public education system is to our people.

### NDAA CONFERENCE REPORT PASSAGE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the conference report on the National Defense Authorization Act, which passed the House of Representatives today.