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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 31, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE HOLDING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend John Peck, S.J., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise and thank You for the opportunity to serve You and do Your work.

We know You will require much of those entrusted with much. You have entrusted to the Members of this House great responsibility, a share in the governing of our country.

Bless the Members in their work today, Lord. May they do all You require and please You by their service to the common good. Give them minds open to the truth, and courageous hearts to carry it out in the laws they enact.

As they return to their districts for the month of August, give them ears open to their constituents' views and concerns. Encourage and re-energize them for the important work that lies ahead.

We ask all these gifts through Christ, our Lord.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 2(a) of House Resolution

380, the Journal of the last day's proceeding is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 30, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 30, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3236.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 31, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 31, 2015 at 10:01 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 22.

That the Senate passed S. 1172.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, July 30, 2015:

H.R. 3236, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1172. An act to improve the process of presidential transition; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; in addition, to the Committee on Homeland Security for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3236. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on July 29, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 876. To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 380, consistent with the fourth clause in section 5 of article I of the Constitution, and not withstanding section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2330. A letter from the Principal Deputy, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Martin E. Dempsey, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2331. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Raymond T. Odierno, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2332. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Organization and Functions, and Seal Amendments (RIN: 2590-AA75) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2333. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0889; FRL-9929-74] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2334. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-

cy's final rule — Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing and Phosphate Fertilizer Production RTR and Standards of Performance for Phosphate Processing [EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0522; FRL-9931-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AQ20) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2335. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Isofetamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0138; FRL-9923-86] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2336. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0638; FRL-9930-73] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2337. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Ethanedisulfonic acid, 2-hydroxy and the corresponding ammonium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and zinc salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0325; FRL-9930-22] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2338. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Benalaxyl-M; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0714; FRL-9927-63] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2339. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to SO₂ Ambient Standards [EPA-R08-OAR-2014-0187; FRL-9931-38-Region 8] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2340. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter [EPA-R10-OAR-2015-0330; FRL-9931-46-Region 10] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2341. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Non-interference Demonstration for Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties [EPA-R04-OAR-2015-0260; FRL-9931-27-Region 4] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2342. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Geor-

gia: Revisions to Definitions and Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2015-0413; FRL-9931-65-Region 4] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2343. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; North Carolina; Redesignation of the Charlotte-Rock Hill, 2008 8-Hour Ozone Non-attainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2015-0275; FRL-9931-28-Region 4] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2344. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Marshall, West Virginia Nonattainment Area for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2015-0411; FRL-9931-56-Region 3] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2345. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Consumer and Commercial Products and Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing Operations [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0816; FRL-9931-29-Region 3] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2346. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Revisions to Linn County Air Quality Ordinance [EPA-R07-OAR-2015-0357; FRL-9931-33-Region 7] received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2347. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Technical Amendments to Inadvertent Errors in Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-hour Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards (2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS), 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS, and 1987 Annual Coarse Particle (PM₁₀) NAAQS [EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0359; FRL-9929-97-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR95) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2348. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the "2013 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 273b, as added by the Charlie W. Norwood Living Organ Donation Act, Pub. L. 110-144; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2349. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of proposed lease to the governments of Australia and the United Kingdom, Transmittal No. 08-15, pursuant to Sec. 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2350. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 14-132; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2351. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-066; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2352. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-015; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2353. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-046; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2354. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification of proposed issuance of an export license, pursuant to Secs. 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-048; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2355. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2014 Post-Election Report to Congress, in accordance with 52 U.S.C. 20308(b); to the Committee on House Administration.

2356. A letter from the Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the final report on the "Assist CAO in Equipment Inventory Process" management advisory project (Report No. 15-CAO-05); to the Committee on House Administration.

2357. A letter from the Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the final audit report entitled "Review of the Effectiveness of the Secure Configuration Management Program (Report No. 15-CAO-06); to the Committee on House Administration.

2358. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the semiannual report of disbursements for the operations of the Architect of the Capitol for the period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (H. Doc. No. 114-54); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

2359. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acknowledgement of American Indian Tribes [156A2100DD/AAKC001030/A0A501010.999900 253G] (RIN: 1076-AF18) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2360. A letter from the Chief, Division of Environmental Review, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interagency Cooperation—Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended; Incidental Take Statements [Docket No.: FWS-R9-ES-2011-0080; NOAA-120106024-5048-02; FF09E-31000-156-FXES-1122-0900000] (RIN: 1018-AX85; 0648-BB81) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2361. A letter from the Acting Chief, Branch of Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing All Chimpanzees as Endangered Species [Docket No.: FWS-R9-ES-2010-0086; 4500030115] (RIN: 1018-AZ52) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2362. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Department's temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Dolphin [Docket No.: 130403322-4454-02] (RIN: 0648-XB002) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2363. A letter from the Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Permits; Update of Falconry Permitting Reporting Address [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-MB-2015-0032; FF09M21200-156-FXMB123 099BPP0] (RIN: 1018-BA90) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2364. A letter from the Acting Chief, Branch of Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for the Rufa Red Knot [Docket No.: FWS-R5-ES-2013-0097] [4500030113] (RIN: 1018-AY17) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2365. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Technical Corrections for 54 Wildlife and Plant Species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2015-0031] [FXES11130900000C6-156-FF09E42000] (RIN: 1018-BA89) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2366. A letter from the Regulations Specialist, FWS — Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2015-16 and 2016-17 Subsistence Taking of Fish Regulations [Docket No.: FWS-R7-SM-2013-0065; FXFR13350700640-156-FF07J00000 FBMS#4500076030] (RIN: 1018-AZ67) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2367. A letter from the Branch Chief, Endangered Species Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly [*Icaricia (Plebejus) shasta charlestonensis*] [Docket No.: FWS-R8-ES-2013-0105] [4500030114] (RIN: 1018-AZ91) received July 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2368. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's in-

terim rule — Safety Zone; Big Foot TLP, Walker Ridge 29, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0863] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2369. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone, Fall River Grand Prix, Mt. Hope Bay and Taunton River, Fall River, MA [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0286] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2370. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Cleveland Triathlon, Lake Erie, North Coast Harbor, Cleveland, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0659] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2371. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zones and Regulated Navigation Area; Shell Arctic Drilling/Exploration Vessels and Associated Voluntary First Amendment Area, Puget Sound, WA, Extension [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0295] (RIN: 1625-AA00; 1625-AA11) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2372. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Red Bull GRC Air Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0618] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2373. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Maritime Museum Party, San Diego Bay; San Diego, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0647] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2374. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Town of Olcott Fireworks Display; Lake Ontario, Olcott, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0595] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2375. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulation; Mavericks Surf Competition, Half Moon Bay, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0427] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2376. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulations; Beaufort Water Festival, Beaufort, SC [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0192] (RIN: 1625-

AA08) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2377. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulations; Southeast Drag Boat Championships, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0045] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2378. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone, Block Island Wind Farm; Rhode Island Sound, RI [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0227] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2379. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zones; Misery Challenge, Manchester Bay, Manchester, MA [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0188] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2380. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; POLAR PIONEER, Outer Continental Shelf Drill Unit, Chukchi Sea, Alaska [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0247] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2381. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Victoria Barge Canal, Bloomington, TX [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0952] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2382. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Lake Metroparks Stand-Up Paddleboard Race; Lake Erie, Fairport Harbor, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0612] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2383. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; The Cleveland Yachting Club Annual Regatta Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Rocky River, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0613] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2384. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Oswego Harborfest Jet Ski Show; Oswego Harbor, Oswego, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2015-0507] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2385. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report on the drug-free workplace plan of the Defense Acquisition University, pursuant to Sec. 503 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1987, Pub. L. 100-71; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and Oversight and Government Reform.

2386. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report to Congress entitled, "Assessing the Continued Suspension of the Long Term Care Hospital 25 Percent Policy", pursuant to Sec. 1206(b)(1)(C) of the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013 (Pub. L. 113-67); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DENT: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Officially-Connected Travel by House Members to Azerbaijan in 2013 (Rept. 114-239). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. COFFMAN, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 3433. A bill to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HURT of Virginia (for himself, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. HANNA):

H.R. 3434. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the guidelines for specification of certain disposal sites for dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California):

H.R. 3435. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 3436. A bill to provide discretionary authority to an immigration judge to determine that an alien parent of a United States citizen child should not be ordered removed, deported, or excluded from the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3437. A bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROYCE (for himself and Mr. ENGEL) (both by request):

H.J. Res. 63. A joint resolution providing for the approval of the Congress of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic

of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy transmitted on June 16, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Con. Res. 70. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RIGELL:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution providing for a plan to alleviate the effects of sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY):

H. Res. 406. A resolution recognizing the progress made and challenges still faced by people living with albinism in East Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. MENG:

H. Res. 407. A resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Republic of Korea and expressing the shared vision of the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea for a continued prosperous relationship; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

107. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, to establish a sustainable energy-abundance plan for Ohio to meet future Ohio energy needs with affordable, abundant, and environmentally friendly energy; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Science, Space, and Technology.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 3433.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. HURT of Virginia:

H.R. 3434.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. REED:

H.R. 3435.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 3436.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4, which states that: "The Congress shall have Power To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization."

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3437.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. ROYCE:

H.J. Res. 63.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 217: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.
 H.R. 449: Ms. ESHOO.
 H.R. 525: Mr. COFFMAN.
 H.R. 540: Mr. MILLER of Florida and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 546: Ms. DeLAURO.
 H.R. 592: Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. HECK of Washington.
 H.R. 702: Mr. COFFMAN.
 H.R. 721: Mr. ZINKE and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 745: Mr. RANGEL.
 H.R. 751: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 757: Mr. TED LIEU of California.
 H.R. 775: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
 H.R. 815: Mr. PEARCE and Mr. BUCHANAN.
 H.R. 825: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 835: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
 H.R. 915: Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 918: Mr. COLLINS of New York.
 H.R. 923: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.
 H.R. 961: Mr. PAULSEN.
 H.R. 973: Mr. COHEN.
 H.R. 1000: Mr. COHEN.
 H.R. 1054: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 1062: Mr. MESSER.
 H.R. 1100: Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. DENT, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. CUMMINGS.
 H.R. 1112: Mr. HIMES.
 H.R. 1130: Mr. NUGENT, Mr. DOLD, Mr. BARLETTA, and Ms. PINGREE.
 H.R. 1142: Mrs. BUSTOS.
 H.R. 1148: Mr. HENSARLING.
 H.R. 1174: Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Ms. BASS, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. BARTON.
 H.R. 1202: Ms. DeLAURO.
 H.R. 1218: Mr. VEASEY and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
 H.R. 1222: Mr. DOLD.
 H.R. 1258: Mr. LOEBSACK.
 H.R. 1299: Mr. GOODLATTE.
 H.R. 1321: Mr. POLIS.
 H.R. 1333: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 1340: Mr. DONOVAN and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
 H.R. 1342: Mr. MESSER.
 H.R. 1356: Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. RIGELL, and Mr. HILL.
 H.R. 1384: Mr. RIGELL, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. HILL, Mr. KIND, Mr. McHENRY, and Mr. CUMMINGS.
 H.R. 1393: Mr. LOEBSACK and Ms. FRANKEL of Florida.
 H.R. 1401: Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. YOHIO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 1427: Mr. RIGELL.
 H.R. 1453: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.

H.R. 1462: Ms. DeLAURO.
 H.R. 1475: Mr. SANFORD.
 H.R. 1479: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.
 H.R. 1559: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 1565: Mr. HONDA.
 H.R. 1567: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois.
 H.R. 1594: Mr. KATKO, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. UPTON, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. ABRAHAM.
 H.R. 1608: Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Ms. ADAMS.
 H.R. 1624: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. POE of Texas.
 H.R. 1686: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. HECK of Washington, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 1752: Mr. COFFMAN.
 H.R. 1779: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.
 H.R. 1781: Mr. RANGEL.
 H.R. 1859: Mr. JOLLY.
 H.R. 2030: Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. POLIS.
 H.R. 2061: Mr. CAPUANO and Mr. WESTMORELAND.
 H.R. 2124: Ms. MENG and Ms. DeLAURO.
 H.R. 2156: Ms. PINGREE and Mr. DENT.
 H.R. 2193: Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 2254: Mr. DONOVAN.
 H.R. 2260: Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 2293: Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. HIMES.
 H.R. 2303: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 2306: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 2320: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.
 H.R. 2404: Mr. HECK of Washington and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
 H.R. 2406: Mr. COLLINS of New York.
 H.R. 2410: Ms. MENG.
 H.R. 2494: Mr. COSTA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. DOLD, and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 2508: Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LONG, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. GIBBS.
 H.R. 2515: Mr. DOLD and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 2521: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. CLEAVER.
 H.R. 2568: Mr. COLLINS of New York.
 H.R. 2602: Mr. POCAN.
 H.R. 2646: Mr. HECK of Washington.
 H.R. 2648: Mr. NUGENT.
 H.R. 2653: Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. LONG, Mrs. NOEM, and Mr. HUDSON.
 H.R. 2687: Mr. LOWENTHAL.
 H.R. 2704: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
 H.R. 2715: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
 H.R. 2804: Mr. VEASEY and Ms. LEE.
 H.R. 2811: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania and Mr. TED LIEU of California.
 H.R. 2847: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois.
 H.R. 2852: Ms. BORDALLO.
 H.R. 2866: Ms. PINGREE.
 H.R. 2876: Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. BRADY of Texas.
 H.R. 2894: Mr. DOLD, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. LANGEVIN.
 H.R. 2903: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
 H.R. 2911: Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. COOPER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. JOLLY, and Mr. BLUM.
 H.R. 2914: Mr. YOHIO.
 H.R. 2915: Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 2956: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 2999: Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 3037: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico and Mr. NUNES.
 H.R. 3081: Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. MARINO.
 H.R. 3115: Mr. DUFFY, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. STUTZMAN.
 H.R. 3122: Mr. HILL.
 H.R. 3134: Mr. FINCHER.

H.R. 3136: Mr. TAKAI and Mr. POE of Texas.
 H.R. 3139: Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. JOLLY, and Mr. BOST.
 H.R. 3140: Mr. POCAN.
 H.R. 3150: Mr. COHEN, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. VELA, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SABLAN, and Ms. FUDGE.
 H.R. 3167: Mr. JORDAN and Mr. PEARCE.
 H.R. 3180: Mr. JOLLY and Ms. BONAMICI.
 H.R. 3187: Mr. AMASH, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. GARAMENDI.
 H.R. 3190: Mr. LOEBSACK.
 H.R. 3197: Mr. FLORES.
 H.R. 3221: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. ESHOO, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
 H.R. 3243: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas.
 H.R. 3258: Mrs. DINGELL.
 H.R. 3261: Ms. DeLAURO.
 H.R. 3268: Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, Mr. POLIS, Ms. ESTY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, and Mr. TAKANO.
 H.R. 3296: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. STEWART, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. CULBERSON.
 H.R. 3304: Mr. COURTNEY and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 3326: Mr. YOHIO, Mr. COLLINS of New York, and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois.
 H.R. 3338: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois and Mr. BEYER.
 H.R. 3345: Mr. GRIJALVA.
 H.R. 3364: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mrs. TORRES.
 H.R. 3381: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 3420: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.
 H.R. 3421: Mr. PITTENER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FLORES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. JOLLY.
 H.R. 3423: Mr. O'ROURKE and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
 H.R. 3429: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. CURBELO of Florida.
 H.J. Res. 47: Mr. SMITH of Texas.
 H.J. Res. 54: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina and Mr. MASSIE.
 H. Con. Res. 19: Mr. NUNES and Ms. KAPTUR.
 H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. DOLD.
 H. Con. Res. 62: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. TONKO.
 H. Res. 28: Mr. LANGEVIN.
 H. Res. 49: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H. Res. 220: Ms. MENG and Mr. MESSER.
 H. Res. 293: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H. Res. 343: Mr. GARRETT, Ms. MOORE, Mr. BARR, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. KIND, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. CLAY, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. MESSER, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DOLD, Mr. HILL, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
 H. Res. 354: Mr. TROTT, Mr. DONOVAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. RIGELL.
 H. Res. 367: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, and Mr. THORNBERRY.
 H. Res. 393: Ms. LEE.
 H. Res. 394: Mr. HONDA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
 H. Res. 400: Mr. HOYER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MEEKS, Mrs. TORRES, and Mr. O'ROURKE.



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The Senate met at 10 and 6 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
AUGUST 3, 2015, AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands

adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 19 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, August 3, 2015, at 2 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF TEACHER AND
MUSICIAN WILLIAM DEWITT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, allow me to add to the record of the U.S. House of Representatives the story Mr. William DeWitt, a teacher, who has brought the art of music in the Northern Mariana Islands to an unprecedented level of excellence and who has given to thousands of our young people the joy of finding within themselves their own musical talents.

Mr. William DeWitt first came to the Northern Mariana Islands in 1993, beginning his career in middle and junior high school, teaching a variety of subjects, including band, piano, and choir. He then accepted an offer to teach at Marianas High School and was successful there at reviving its band program. Enthusiasm for instrumental music education began to crescendo, and in 2002 Mr. DeWitt was invited to join the faculty of the newly inaugurated Saipan Southern High School, which was designed to be a magnet school for students with an interest in the arts and technology. He has now spent thirteen years at Saipan Southern, helping countless students fulfill their dream to make music and share it with the world. In doing so, Mr. DeWitt and the students he has guided have created a legacy, the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band, that is certainly one of the greatest sources of pride for the Northern Marianas Public School System and, indeed, for our entire community.

When Mr. DeWitt came to Saipan 22 years ago, he could not have known what he would accomplish. Our island community has always teemed with multi-generational musical talent and held a deep love for singing. But band music and its array of instruments—the trumpet, flute, trombone, and clarinet—were less well known. Mr. DeWitt changed that.

Mr. DeWitt also oversaw the incorporation of a growing diversity of students into our schools using music as a unifying influence and adding the international flavor of this new student body to its musical sensibility. Up to 250 students now participate in some aspect of the Manta Ray Band program at Saipan Southern. They come from many ethnicities and cultures—Chamorro, Carolinian, Palauan, Marshallese, Filipino, Korean, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Indian—and William DeWitt has helped them learn to join together as one, making music.

Perhaps, this very diversity is key to the success and world-wide recognition the Manta Ray Band has achieved under the baton of Mr. DeWitt. Five times in the last seven years the Manta Ray Band has earned the Tumon Bay Music Festival Sweepstakes Award, the most wins by any organization in the festival's history. The Manta Rays have been invited to and performed at two Olympic Games: Beijing

in 2008 and London in 2012. The Band has showcased its talents at the Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, Westminster Abbey, and Disneyland. And just last month, at the Los Angeles Musical Festival the Manta Ray Band earned the Gold Award as the highest scoring ensemble in festival competition.

This Gold Award is something of a fairy-tale ending to Mr. DeWitt's career. His band executed its performance with a new precision and intensity. His students displayed an infectious enthusiasm and rhythmic jaunt that gave their concert an element of variety and versatility no other ensemble could match. But backstage after the event amidst the triumph, while cameras clicked, tears flowed and hugs abounded, as the Manta Rays dealt with the recognition that this pinnacle also marked the end of an era—for Mr. William DeWitt had taken his final bow with the band.

William DeWitt and his family will now be able to spend time with his parents in California, where he will also pursue a post-graduate degree. We wish him well. And we will always be grateful to him for the way that he drew from a very small population of students their maximum talent, so inculcating them in the fundamental elements of musicianship that they were able to soar on international stages.

As significant as what he gave to each individual student, we will remember what Mr. William DeWitt gave to the larger communities of which we are part: the pride and honor his musicians brought to Saipan Southern High School, to the Public School System, and to the Northern Mariana Islands as a whole. This musical venture he has led became a partnership for all of us. Individuals and businesses gladly supported the Manta Ray Band with contributions totaling more than a million dollars over the course of the past decade. And, as a community, we should honor William DeWitt's legacy by continuing to give our young musicians the opportunity to develop, master, and showcase their talents.

Lastly, we acknowledge, as does Mr. DeWitt, his wife Lois and his children Emily, Abigail, and James, who throughout have been his source of inspiration and support. We thank them for allowing their husband and father to commit so much of his time and energy to the students of Saipan Southern and the Northern Mariana Islands.

And we thank you, Mr. William DeWitt. May the richness of island life always flow in your blood, just as your accomplishments will always be engraved into our island history.

THE MAN WHO WAS LARGER THAN
LIFE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, from the beginning of his life, Richard "Dick" Bass was a force to be reckoned with. He always strove to be the

first and best at whatever he did—whether as a student, oilman, rancher, ski resort developer, or mountaineer.

As a young man of sixteen, he enrolled in Yale University, graduating with a B.S. in Geology at the age of twenty. The gregarious spirit and boundless curiosity that prompted him to climb one of Europe's highest peaks, the Matterhorn, at nineteen, would continue to be both servant and driver throughout his life.

Shortly after moving back to Texas to join the family oil business, Dick began taking regular trips to Colorado to ski. His love for skiing and his fellow outdoor enthusiasts motivated him to seek out involvement in the industry. Shortly after starting these trips, he and his brother purchased stock in a small underdeveloped area in Eagle County, Colorado, that became the globally famous Town of Vail. The success and increased public interest in Vail led to his co-ownership and development of the Snowbird ski resort in Utah. He and his Snowbird partner, Ted Johnson, traveled across Europe searching for inspiration and innovation to bring their vision to life.

His pioneering spirit was not limited to investments and skiing and hearken back to his younger self's interest in mountain climbing. He was determined to become the first man to conquer the Seven Summits, the highest mountains in each of the continents, and achieved this monumental undertaking on April 30, 1985. Throughout his life, his mindset was always that of ceaseless perseverance, as exemplified by his three attempts and final summit of Mt. Everest.

Dick Bass may have passed on to his newest adventure at the age of eighty-five, but his entire life serves as a testament to the power of determination and enterprise. Dick was larger than life, actively living every second to the fullest and taking on any challenge thrown at him. He left a truly indelible mark on the world, his wife, Alice, his children Dan Bass, Bonnie Smith, Barbara Moroney, Jim Bass, and his thirteen grandchildren.

I was proud to count Dick Bass as a family friend and a source of inspiration to me in my love of the mountains and my business career. As John Muir said, "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings"; Dick, your legacy lives on.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
REVEREND WILLIE L. HILL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God who has been a longstanding source of inspiration, spiritual guidance, and moral leadership to the people of Southwest Georgia, the Reverend Willie L. Hill. Reverend Hill is retiring after 28 years of pastoring the Greater Beallwood Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. The congregation will be honoring Rev.

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Hill for his leadership at a retirement dinner on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbus Country Club and at a retirement program on Sunday, August 16, 2015 during the 11:00 a.m. service at the church.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Willie L. Hill was born to the late Hollis and Dora Hill. He was educated in the public school system of Muscogee County. Reverend Hill then served our nation honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After completing his service, he attended Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City, Alabama, where he earned an associate's degree, and later attended Troy University to complete a bachelor's degree in Criminology. It was then that Rev. Hill heard God's call to preach and enrolled in the American Baptist College to study theology.

Rev. Hill pastored the Greater Beallwood Baptist Church for 28 years, faithfully carrying out his vision for the church and leading its members in the fulfillment of a God-first life. In the years after Rev. Hill became pastor, Greater Beallwood expanded greatly, growing from a century-old church that was facing financial hardship to a spiritual praising center serving almost 350 people weekly. Not only did Rev. Hill's leadership grow the congregation in number and in spirit, but it also was instrumental in the building of a new sanctuary that would accommodate the numerous church services and meetings.

A strong advocate of access to Christian education, Rev. Hill founded Children's Church, a separate training and worship service for children ages 5 through 12 to grow in their faith. Children's Church serves as a valuable resource for members of the Greater Beallwood Baptist Church and has helped children learn about the word of God in a way that they can relate to and understand.

Throughout his pastoral career, always seeking to improve the craft of Christian ministry and discipleship, Rev. Hill has served as President of the Inter-Denominational Ministerial Alliance for eight years and Vice President for four years. He served as President of the Fourth District Congress of Christian Education for two years, and he also co-founded the Columbus Ministerial Association. An avid golfer and fierce competitor, Rev. Hill served on the Golf Authority of the Columbus Consolidated Government for ten years.

Jeremiah 3:15 says, "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Reverend Willie Hill is one such shepherd and a man of integrity who exudes the genuine principles and values of Christian discipleship. A charismatic evangelical leader and pioneer, his spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious.

Rev. Hill is surrounded by the love and support of his congregation, but also his family—his wife of 52 years, Helen; their two sons, Daren and Brandon; and three beloved grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in thanking the Reverend Willie L. Hill for his service to our nation, the Columbus community, the Greater Beallwood Baptist Church, and the Kingdom of God.

HONORING DR. R. SCOTT RALLS,
RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Scott Ralls, the seventh president of the North Carolina Community College System, who stepped down as president of the system this summer after seven years of service.

North Carolina's community college system is one of the state's greatest educational assets. It is one of the nation's largest community college systems, and its reach is extensive, with most North Carolinians residing within 30 miles of one of its 58 colleges. The system serves more than 850,000 individuals annually, with 321,000 students in degree, certificate and curriculum programs and almost 500,000 students taking continuing education classes. Some 40 percent of the state's wage earners today have received some education or training at a North Carolina community college in the past 10 years.

Dr. Ralls was an exemplary president, carrying on the fine tradition of leadership of his predecessor, and our former House colleague, Martin Lancaster. Taking the helm in 2008, President Ralls' tenure began just as the recession hit and the state's unemployment rate began to soar. During the first three years of his presidency, displaced workers flocked to the state's community colleges; the system's enrollment grew 28 percent from 2007 to 2010. At the same time, the system weathered a budget crunch, all the while embarking on a strategy to revamp curriculum, improve completion rates, and forge new transfer agreements with the state's university system.

Even with these challenges, Dr. Ralls helped the System obtain international recognition for its efforts to foster economic and workforce development. Ralls's efforts included expanding health care programs, reenergizing technical education, strengthening the connection between economic and workforce development, and furthering strong partnerships between public schools, community colleges and the University of North Carolina System to promote seamless education pathways.

President Ralls also focused efforts on improving student success. He was an early champion for early college high schools, and today, North Carolina hosts one-third of all early colleges in the U.S.—the vast majority located on the campuses of community colleges. In addition, in 2009, under Dr. Ralls's leadership, the North Carolina Community College System initiated a comprehensive set of strategic initiatives focused on student success and program completion entitled SuccessNC, consolidating curriculums into 32 critical growth areas for North Carolina's economy and providing students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized, stackable credentials, resulting in a more competitive workforce. The Brookings Institution and the Rockefeller Foundation recognized this model in describing one of the most "forward-thinking economy-shifting efforts underway in America's state and metropolitan areas."

During his tenure, President Ralls was elected by national peers to be the President of the National Association of Industry-Specific Training Directors. He also led a state task force responsible for creating policies and procedures for the New and Expanding Industry Training Program, which resulted in a 16% reduction in expenditures and 11% increase in total training projects. Further, he chaired a task force on workplace safety training and generated new policies for administering the NC Worker Training Tax Credit Program.

Dr. Ralls serves on several national and state boards and commissions and is the Chair of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges. He has earned a number of awards and honors, including a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of Commerce (1995), and a Certificate of Appreciation from the NC Rural Prosperity Task Force (2000). He was also awarded the 2006 Freedom Fund Award from the Craven County NAACP, and was dubbed a 2007–2008 Impact Business Leader by the Charlotte Business Leader Magazine.

Prior to serving as the North Carolina Community College System President, Dr. Ralls was president of Craven Community College in New Bern and Havelock. This makes him only the second former North Carolina community college president to hold the System presidency, and he is leaving to once again assume the presidency of a fine institution, the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC). While at Craven, he led efforts to support college enrollment growth, while facing significant impacts of military deployment. At Craven, Ralls led in establishing workforce development programs in targeted industry sectors; helped create Craven Early College; initiated University Connections to foster on-site and on-line degree completion opportunities, and fostered an Undergraduate Engineering Education partnership with N.C. State College of Engineering.

Dr. Ralls, a leader of national distinction, is also an approachable, collaborative person who has been a delight for me and others to work with personally. He guided North Carolina's community colleges through the economic downturn and state budget cuts and oversaw a period of remarkable growth. Thanks to his tireless efforts, thousands of North Carolinians have had the opportunity to obtain the education and training they need to realize their full potential. I thank Dr. Ralls for his years of service to the state of North Carolina and wish him the very best as he assumes the helm at NVCC.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2015 Best of Braddock Awards, presented by the Braddock District Council of Community Associations. These awards are given annually to deserving individuals, organizations, and companies in the Braddock Magisterial District of Fairfax County, Virginia, who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to our community.

The goal of the Braddock District Council is to promote the civic, community, and general welfare of the citizens of the Braddock District. The Council represents the interests of community associations, facilitates cooperation and coordination between associations, and provides a path of communications between associations and officials or elected representatives of the Braddock District.

I am pleased to join the Braddock District Council of Community Associations in recognizing the following Recipients of the 2015 Best of Braddock Awards:

Citizens of the Year:

Amy Zydel for her selfless devotion of time and talent to foster care children and foster care parents in the Braddock District and all of Fairfax County. She also is a key supporter of "Let's Help Kids," a local charity aimed at giving a helping hand to elementary school children whose parents are suffering financial hardship.

Duwan Ketch for his many years of working with the Kings Park and Burke Centre Libraries. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Fairfax Library Foundation and heads the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. Mr. Ketch previously has served as a member of the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees, and he is a member of the Rotary Club of Burke.

Young Person of the Year: Jonathan McCarty—a member of Boy Scout Troop 1115—for his Eagle Scout project. Jonathan led a group of volunteers in completing trail improvements in Accotink Park by digging a ditch next to the trail which will help reduce the amount of standing water on the trail after rainstorms. All of the work was done by hand because it is located in an area of archeological importance.

Most "Can-Do" Public Employee: Dennis Barton of the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) for volunteering to work overtime with Jonathan McCarty to haul away thirteen cubic feet of dirt that was removed when digging a trail ditch. Without his help, the project couldn't have been completed.

Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District: Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley. Less than a year old, this group organized itself for the express purpose of improving both environmental and recreational opportunities in the Long Branch Stream Valley, a part of the Accotink Watershed.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District (2 honorees):

The Commonwealth Swim Club. When declining membership and tight budgets caused the pool board to cut back on grounds maintenance funds, the grounds began to show signs of neglect. James Watkins, a member of the club and a handyman, offered his time and resources to remedy the problems. He repaired the entrance to the pool, restored the primary storm water runoff channel, installed new lighting, and landscaped and beautified the area leading to the clubhouse.

Kings Park West Townhouses HOA. When Marilyn Stoney's property began experiencing flooding, she came to the board with a simple request which led to a community-wide storm water management project. Ms. Stoney volunteered her experience as a program manager to research the problems, develop solutions, solicit bids, oversee the work, and obtain a grant to assist with replanting once construc-

tion was completed. A dozen members of the community assisted with the planting.

Special Recognition also is being given to the employees of the Fairfax County Park Authority who worked with the residents of Olde Forge/Surrey Square to build the new community playground.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these outstanding residents and organizations and also in thanking them for their service to our community. Their efforts and leadership have been a great benefit to the Braddock District and are deserving of our highest praise.

HONORING ALBERT SORANO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a community is only as strong as the commitments of its citizens to its success. Albert Sorano has been one of those committed citizens, a true visionary in the city of Yonkers.

Albert was born in the Bronx and became a communicant of St. Bartholomew's Church. A graduate of New York City Schools, Albert served honorably in the United States Military during the War in Vietnam. Following his service, Albert moved to Yonkers where he became one of the most sought after mentors in the city.

Albert dove into serving the Yonkers community by assisting and leading in Career training and Job Placement. He excelled as a major Fundraiser and Event Coordinator for non-profit organizations, including organizing a major fundraising effort to benefit the Ursuline Sisters in New Rochelle. The \$125,000 raised was used to establish an infirmary for ill and disabled retired Sisters has been a Yonkers resident for close to 40 years. In 2004, Albert became a strong member of the Exchange Club of Yonkers, rising to the position of President for three terms from July 2006 to June 2009, and has been on the Board of Directors for many years.

Albert continued using his gifts to rally the community to fundraise for the Child Abuse Prevention Center in White Plains, College Scholarships for Yonkers High School graduates, the Yonkers 5th Grade City Wide Spelling Bee, and the Freedom Shrine installations in schools, libraries and city facilities with recognition of outstanding private citizens.

Albert's greatest commitment however has always been serving the young people in the neighborhood, including those individuals that had been at risk or just released from jail.

This year, the Exchange Club of Yonkers is honoring Albert at the club's annual "Book of Golden Deeds Gala." He is incredibly deserving of this recognition, and I count myself fortunate to represent such a fine individual in the Halls of Congress. Congratulations to Albert for receiving this wonderful award.

COMMEMORATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MEDICAID AND MEDICAID

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the passage of Medicaid and Medicare, two of the most beneficial and consequential government programs ever launched.

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare and Medicaid into law as part of the Social Security Act and in the process made good on the commitments made by Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and John Kennedy to provide health security to Americans in their old age.

Medicare is a promise kept to those who have contributed a lifetime to our nation to enjoy their golden years with peace of mind and the security of reliable, affordable, and high quality healthcare.

Likewise, Medicaid created a crucial partnership between the government and the people to provide a basic health care safety net for the most vulnerable Americans: children of adults with low incomes, persons with disabilities, and the poor.

Mr. Speaker, half a century later, the legacy of these programs have proven how effective and critical government action can be to the life and well-being of our nation's most vulnerable.

In 1965, almost half of all Americans aged 65 and older had no health coverage, living in fear that the colossal healthcare costs would drive them and their families into poverty.

Today, because of Medicare, over 98% of seniors have health insurance, which has led to a five-year increase in life expectancy for those over 65.

Today, 55 million Americans rely on Medicare for health care, ranging from preventive services, hospital visits, lab tests, to critical medical supplies, and prescription drugs.

It is difficult for some to imagine what 1965 was really like, when today affordable, accessible and available health insurance is a reality for so many people living with disabilities.

Before Medicaid was enacted children from poor families, pregnant women, and low-income working Americans were not able to afford even the most basic medical care they needed to remain healthy and productive.

When the legislation was first passed, many claimed that Medicaid would not live up to its promise; but today, because of expansion of Medicaid through passage of the Affordable Care Act the program provides comprehensive coverage for over 70 million children, pregnant women, low-income adults, and people living with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, it cannot be seriously disputed that Medicare and Medicaid have changed our country and made it better.

In my home state of Texas and in communities across the country, both programs have significantly changed the lives and improved health outcomes of many Americans over the past century and represent the best of American values.

Unfortunately, Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured (27.6%) in the nation,

4% more than Louisiana the next state on the list and Texas' refusal to participate in the Medicaid expansion created by the Affordable Care act puts the poor residents in my state in jeopardy.

So the 50th anniversary of Medicaid is bittersweet for Texans because while we celebrate a program that has saved lives, helped people live longer, expanded care to marginalized communities, and reduced disparities in access to healthcare, thousands of low income Texans still do not have the peace of mind that comes with access to affordable, quality health care enjoyed by low-income residents of states that have expanded their Medicaid program with funds made possible by the Affordable Care Act.

In the 18th Congressional District of Texas there are 195,400 persons with Medicaid and 74,704 with medical care provided by Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents favor the Affordable Care Act because they understand the insecurity and feeling of helplessness of being uninsured or underinsured.

Like Medicare and Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," was vehemently opposed and derided by its adversaries, who said it was too costly, would not work, was unnecessary, or would change the character of America for the worse.

Like the critics of Social Security, Medicare, and the G.I. Bill, all of whom are silent now, they are wrong.

The Affordable Care Act has been an unqualified success.

This historic legislation has extended affordable health coverage to tens of millions of Americans, and has helped to bring peace of mind to many of those for whom relief seemed far out of reach.

The Affordable Care Act was driven by a simple premise: that citizens of the most prosperous nation on earth should not be forced to choose between their health and their financial security.

Since the passage of the ACA in 2010, the number of uninsured Americans has fallen by nearly one-third, or roughly 16 million people.

These Americans come from all walks of life.

They are women, who can no longer be denied coverage or be forced to pay exorbitant amounts for coverage simply because of their sex.

There are nine million seniors and persons with disabilities, who have saved an average of \$1,600 on expensive and lifesaving prescription medication.

And they are this country's most at risk citizens; people who are working hard and struggling to make ends meet while living in near-poverty, and who have been covered by Medicaid expansion in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

These benefits have been felt across the country, especially in my home state of Texas:

1. 10.7 million individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma, cancer, or diabetes—including up to 1,632,000 children—no longer have to worry about being denied coverage or charged higher prices because of their health status or history;

2. 4.9 million uninsured Texans have new health insurance options through Medicaid or private health plans in the ACA Marketplace; and

3. 5.2 million persons on private insurance have gained coverage for at least one free

preventive health care service such as a mammogram, birth control, or an immunization in 2011 and 2012.

In addition to the tangible healthcare benefits for millions of families, the ACA has had powerful effects on the financial state of our nation.

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we have extended the solvency of the Medicare Trust fund by more than a decade, and helped save taxpayers \$116 billion through new Medicare efficiencies.

The Department of Health and Human Services has estimated that hospitals saved more than \$5.7 billion in costs that would have normally gone unpaid by patients without insurance.

Contrary to the claims of the law's critics, private insurance companies have leaped at the opportunity to compete for business among the newly insured, and the healthcare industry has boomed.

Through all of these successes, however, House Republicans remain obsessed with destroying this law, and with unraveling the security it provides to millions of Americans.

Medicare and Medicaid also continue to drive innovation and set the standard for coverage, quality, and innovation in American healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, Medicare and Medicaid continue to play crucial roles in providing equitable and affordable healthcare, leading innovation in payment and delivery reform, carrying out outreach to the most vulnerable communities, and reshaping the delivery of care for the future.

Because of these programs, more Americans have access to affordable, equitable health care today than at any point in our history.

And I am committed to making sure that number will continue to grow.

On this 50th anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid, we should remember that a healthy America is a prosperous America.

And as we look ahead to the next half century, we can celebrate that what was put in place in 1965 has given us the foundation for a healthy and prosperous future for all Americans.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID T. BUCKALEW

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Brigadier General David T. Buckalew of the West Virginia National Guard. General Buckalew has served in the West Virginia Air National Guard for more than 40 years, having enlisted in the Guard's 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, West Virginia in December 1971. After completing his education at West Virginia State University and the Academy of Military Science, General Buckalew returned to West Virginia in December 1983 to serve as a logistics plans officer for the 130th Airlift Wing.

General Buckalew continued to serve honorably and was promoted regularly, advancing to the position of Director of Joint Staff in 2011. He has received numerous awards and deco-

rations for his service to our country, including the distinguished Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

I know the servicemen and women of the West Virginia Air National Guard have been inspired by General Buckalew's character and his commitment to service, and they will miss General Buckalew's presence and tremendous leadership. However, I am certain that the lessons and inspiration that he has bestowed on Guardsmen will continue to have a positive impact on their service to our nation and West Virginia.

General Buckalew is one of West Virginia's finest Mountaineers, and I along with many others wish him well in his retirement. Godspeed, General.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TAWNY HAMMOND

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent Tawny Hammond and to congratulate her on her retirement following 26 years of service to Fairfax County and our community.

Ms. Hammond began her career with the county at the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in 1989 and served in a variety of roles including management of recreation centers, a large lakefront park and a historic farm park. Additionally, she was involved in strategic planning and accreditation, and was instrumental in FCPA being awarded multiple gold medals by the National Recreation and Park Association. During her tenure, she represented Fairfax County Park Authority at regional, state and national conferences, providing presentations on community building, revenue generation and innovative programming. In recognition of her extraordinary service to preserving and enhancing the county park system, she received numerous performance and achievement awards, most notably the A. Heath Onthank Award in 2002, which is Fairfax County's highest honor for its employees.

Ms. Hammond was named Director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in 2012. In just three years, she has turned the shelter into a national model for the humane treatment of animals and has made Fairfax one of the top life-saving communities in the nation. The CEO of the Humane Society of the United States proclaimed the shelter to be one of the top 1% of municipal shelters in the nation. Under Director Hammond's leadership, Fairfax County became the largest jurisdiction in the US with a live release rate of animals above 90%. On her watch, adoptions of shelter pets have nearly doubled, with 2014 seeing the highest number of dogs ever adopted in a single year (more than 1000).

Each year, approximately 5,000 animals come through the shelter's doors. Director Hammond implemented policies and programs so that no animals are euthanized for lack of space or other resources and so that all adoptable animals find loving permanent homes. She implemented new programs including shelter dog play groups and low income spay and neuter services, eliminated

breed adoption restrictions, established community cat rooms, and expanded the trap-neuter-return program, which is now the largest of its type in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She grew the volunteer program to 300 active volunteers and 150 foster families, launched the animal shelter Facebook page, which has become the County's most popular Facebook page, and started a partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority to offer Scout programs, camps, programs and obedience classes in the shelter training room. She did all this while overseeing the total reconstruction of the shelter.

For these accomplishments, she received the 2014 Leadership Award from the Metropolitan D.C. Council of Governments, the 2014 Compassion Award by the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, and was recently named to the Board of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies. Upon her retirement, she was again awarded the A. Heath Onthank Award—the first person to earn this distinction twice.

Ms. Hammond is also well known for her service to the community outside of her job. She lead "Springfield Days" for more than 20 years, helping it grow to one of the County's largest special events, and served for ten years as president of the Springfield Civic Association where she was credited with making the community group accessible to the disabled and successfully tackling tough neighborhood issues such as boarding houses and hoarding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Tawny Hammond for a lifetime of service to our community and in congratulating her on her retirement. When I was Chairman of the County Board, we often joked when retirement announcements like this were made that we should pass an ordinance not allowing such talented and dedicated people to leave public or community service, and I certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Tawny and her family all the best in this next chapter of her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate a remarkable 175 years. The congregation of First African Baptist Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with a Jubilee Celebration on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at the church in Columbus, Georgia.

Tracing its roots back to the antebellum South, African Baptist Church was founded by slaves in 1840 in a building on the corner of Third Avenue and Twelfth Street in Columbus, only blocks away from the Chattahoochee River. This building was the sanctuary formerly used by First Baptist Church, which was established in 1829 as the first church in Columbus.

Though founded by slaves, First African Baptist Church was pastored by white min-

isters during its first twenty-two years. Possessing a spirit of love and acceptance for all of humankind regardless of skin color that was unique in this time period and in this society, the members of the church opened its doors to all in Columbus who felt the call to worship. By 1858, 731 professed believers had been baptized by the church—390 white and 341 black.

From its inception through 1915, the church relocated three times to accommodate its congregation that swelled with the development of the City of Columbus. The second location was a frame building located at the corner of St. Clair and Front Street, now known as Eleventh and Front. In 1881, the Georgia General Assembly gave the land site located at Eleventh Street and Sixth Avenue to the church, and it was renamed the Six Avenue Baptist Church. This site is now occupied by Golden Foundry and Machine Company.

The current location is on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street, where the church was renamed the First African Baptist Church in 1915. Along with the 175th anniversary of the church's existence, today I celebrate with the congregation of First African Baptist the centennial of the church's current location.

Throughout the years, the church would be remodeled and renovated several times. With these aesthetic changes came changes to the church mission. Today, under the leadership of Reverend Roderick B. Green, the church continues to grow and change with the vision of holistic transformation and continual improvement in Christ.

The story of First African Baptist Church, which began as a small group of people worshipping 175 years ago and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

COMMEMORATING 125 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE EAST DUNDEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the East Dundee Fire Protection District on their 125th anniversary celebration.

Throughout the year, the community will gather to recognize the heroic firefighters and paramedics who have proudly and faithfully served their community.

In 1890, the department's first year of service, firefighters responded to 25 calls while protecting the residents living in the area. Today, the fire protection district boasts a 2 million dollar budget, responds to over 1,350 calls, and covers over 10,000 residents from the Fox River to the Arboretum in South Barrington.

Throughout their history, the East Dundee Fire Department has seen its ranks swell with family members. Max Freeman, the district's

first fire chief, served with his brother Earl in the 1950's and another fire chief, Eugene Rakow, served as chief until 1986, when his son Mark took his place until late 2009.

The thirty men and women of the East Dundee Fire Protection District risk their lives daily to protect the surrounding community. Their bravery and courage are deserving of our recognition and admiration.

Please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

DECLARATION FOR ONE UNITED KOREA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a declaration for one united Korea as established by the organization One Dream One Korea.

On this 70th anniversary of the liberation and the division of Korea, we, the people and friends of Korea, declare that:

Korean unification is inevitable. We are one people in one land who have shared a common history and culture for millennia. Reunification of the Korean Peninsula is a profound aspiration in the hearts of the Korean people, and a national destiny that supersedes 70 years of separation and all differences of ideology and government systems.

Korean unification is desirable. The suffering of people in North Korea and the continuing anguish of separated families cry out for a concerted response from the civilized world. Nuclear threats destabilize the security of Northeast Asia in particular and the world in general. Meanwhile the people of South Korea seek a pathway to transcend materialism and dysfunctional political divides. Building One Korea offers a fundamental solution to all these problems and will advance peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia to the benefit of the world at large.

Korean unification is now achievable. In the past century Korea endured colonization and then division, at the hands of more powerful nations. Today, for the first time in modern history, Korean people possess the political and economic power to determine their own future, together with growing global support for the establishment of One Korea. We are at a historic crossroads. Set against the enormous challenges of ending the division and creating a new nation, we have an opportunity to achieve a true greatness that history rarely accords to any people. Now is the time to build a national consensus for a shared vision of One Korea on the foundation of Korean identity and a common destiny and to garner international support for it.

The Korean people share one dream: To live in One Korea we can all be proud of. Since time immemorial, the Korean people have longed for a model country; one guided by universal principles, shared moral values, and the rule of law, guaranteeing the basic human rights and freedoms endowed to all people by the Creator, as the foundation for a just and prosperous society. In realizing such a model, One Korea will become a strong, sovereign nation that acts as a peacemaker, committed to resolving conflict in Northeast Asia and the wider world. It will be a 21st century leader as a compassionate, humane nation acting with concern

for posterity, and as a responsible steward of the earth.

One Korea will benefit all and threaten none. Korea has never invaded another country in its entire history. The love of peace lies deep in our heritage. Therefore, One Korea will foster new guiding principles for peace in the 21st century through integrating the values of East and West, and soften the sharp edges of global power confrontations. One Korea will offer a powerful example, especially for developing nations, of a traditional society that has advanced by embracing the positive aspects of modernity while seeking to retain the enduring values of the past.

For Korea, those values are expressed in the principle of Hong-Ik Ingan: Living for the benefit of all humanity. Since the very origin of Korea, it has been embedded in the hearts, minds, customs, and traditions of the Korean people. It offers a broad, guiding philosophy for One Korea where "Hong-Ik Democracy" will offer a 21st Century model of government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Inspired by this vision of One Korea we, the undersigned, submit the following proposals for adoption and support by ALL:

We encourage initiatives to awaken understanding of the principles that have shaped Korea's distinctive heritage in order to strengthen national and international resolve to bring about One Korea.

We support efforts to start and sustain co-prosperity projects to build infrastructure that allows ordinary people in North Korea to improve their living standards through their own efforts. We advocate people-to-people contact through cultural exchanges, joint service projects and other initiatives that can rebuild connections between Koreans of north and south.

We call on our brethren in North Korea to embrace the program for co-prosperity so that both South and North can cooperate to improve the lives of ordinary people. Let us prosper together, thus building a bridge towards peaceful unification when the people themselves can decide how they wish to govern themselves.

We urge the eight million Korean people living outside of the Korean Peninsula to dedicate themselves to the global movement toward One Korea and call on Korean compatriots abroad to mobilize the substantive support of their adopted lands.

We appeal to the governments and people of all nations, and in particular the United States, the People's Republic of China, Japan, Russia, and Mongolia, to actively cooperate in advancing Korean unification as the key to the joint security and mutual prosperity of all the nations of the Northeast Asia region and the Pacific rim.

We call for multi-national entities, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the World Health Organization, and international non-governmental organizations, to provide advice and assistance especially during the challenging transitional period to assure the success of One Korea.

Therefore, at this historic juncture, we do solemnly declare that the Korean people shall be, justly and by right, one family, one people, and one nation. We will work together to realize the dream of One Korea, fulfilling, our historical destiny, and establishing a shining example for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) and to thank its officers and staff for their service to our community.

The Department's roots actually date back to the 1920s when a small group of officers was assembled to handle the then perceived growing traffic problems in Fairfax County, which then had a population of about 22,000 people. By 1940, the county population had nearly doubled to 44,000. The need for an independent police force had become clear and a small department comprised of just 6 officers was established.

Today, Fairfax County, with a population of about 1.2 million people, is the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States. In fact, the total number of serious crimes against people and property committed in the county is actually lower today than it was in 1970 when FCPD began tracking statistics even though the population has more than doubled since then. Remarkably, FCPD has achieved this level of safety with the lowest officer-to-community-member ratio for a jurisdiction of its size and has lost only six officers in the line of duty in 75 years.

FCPD accomplishes this success through strong relationships with the community, other county agencies, and its counterparts in other jurisdictions. I enjoyed a strong relationship with the department during my 14 years on the Board of Supervisors, particularly during my five years as chairman, and that partnership continues with my service in the U.S. Congress.

Community engagement is a particularly high priority for FCPD. Officers are visible in our schools and mentor our youth. They meet with local business owners and coordinate with neighborhood watch programs. They meet with local minority communities and faith groups to foster better understanding and co-operation. Moreover, the Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment strives to ensure that the diversity of the force reflects that of the community.

Almost every year since 1995, I have ridden alongside the Chief or another police officer to National Night Out events throughout Fairfax County and it is inspiring to see the depth of community support for our law enforcement officers. This is a tribute to the level of passion and commitment displayed by the Department to their mission and our residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fairfax County Police Department on its 75th anniversary and in thanking the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department who have made Fairfax County the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States. This accomplishment certainly contributes to the County being rated as one of the best communities in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING JACKIE BORCHEW

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Jackie Borchew for her tireless efforts and dedication to Orphans of the Storm, an animal shelter in Riverwoods, Illinois. In her many years of service, she has helped find countless permanent homes for abandoned dogs and cats.

Jackie's years of enthusiastic service to Orphans of the Storm has most assuredly contributed to raising awareness of the shelter and the good work they do to benefit the animal community. Jackie has helped Orphans pursue their mission of saving, caring for and adopting out dogs and cats into loving permanent homes. Through off-site adoption events and other countless volunteer efforts, Jackie has been essential to establishing Orphans as a staple for the animal community throughout the region.

There will most certainly be a hole left behind as Jackie leaves Orphans to embark on her next endeavor. Although she will be missed, all of her efforts have created a strong foundation for the shelter to continue to place abandoned pets into loving homes. I feel personally privileged to have Jackie as a member of our community, and I look forward to seeing what the next stage of her life brings.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANNANDALE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Annandale and to thank its members for their service to our community.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and by 1921 there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster community service. International understanding, goodwill, and peace are promoted through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from around the world. Rotary International now boasts more than 1.2 million members in 166 countries, and I am pleased to be counted among their honorary ranks.

Chartered in 1965, the Rotary Club of Annandale is an integral part of the community and engages in numerous public service activities. The Club supports various local community service organizations that provide day care facilities, housing for the homeless, literacy classes, and summer camps for low income families, through financial donations and volunteer work programs. In addition, the Club is very committed to supporting educational programs, including the support of student

service organizations at Annandale High School and Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus, scholarships to graduating seniors at Annandale and Woodson high schools and vocational scholarships to students at NVCC. The Club also presents Rotary Medals to the outstanding graduate at each of the elementary, middle, and high schools in the greater Annandale area.

Rotary International is renowned for its worldwide humanitarian projects. The Annandale Rotary Club embraces this philosophy and has sponsored projects in other countries, including efforts to and equip a school in Haiti.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Annandale on its 50th Anniversary and thanking its members, volunteers, and supporters for putting service above self.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF
SERVICE OF THE
CARPENTERSVILLE FIRE DE-
PARTMENT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Carpentersville Fire Department on their centennial anniversary celebration.

On September 19th, the community will gather to recognize the heroic firefighters and paramedics who have proudly and faithfully served the families and businesses of Carpentersville and the surrounding area.

In October of 1914, an ordinance was created by the village of Carpentersville to establish a volunteer fire department and on February 23rd, 1915 the Carpentersville Fire Department assembled for its first meeting in the village hall. A long cry from the one call it received in 1915, the Carpentersville Fire Department responded to 3,518 calls in 2014. However, their mission to protect the quality of life of those they serve has been the same since its founding.

The men and women who comprise the Carpentersville Fire Department risk their lives daily to protect their communities. Their bravery and courage deserve of our recognition.

Please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

RECOGNIZING MR. ANTONIO
CAMPOS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Congressman NUNES and Congressman COSTA, rise today to congratulate Antonio "Tony" Campos for receiving the 2015 Ag One Community Salute.

Mr. Campos was born and raised in Orondritz, Spain. At the age of seventeen, Mr. Campos immigrated to the United States. Although he was originally a shepherd, he began farming Vineyards near Caruthers, California in collaboration with his brothers,

Esteban and Fermin, four years after arriving in America. In 1971, they began growing almonds and launched Campos Brothers Farms.

Throughout his life, Mr. Campos has been an active leader in the agricultural community and the Central Valley as a whole. He has served on the Almond Board of California, the Raisin Bargaining Association, the Raisin Administrative Committee, the National Farmers Organization, the California Bean Advisory Board, and the Fresno County Farm Bureau. Additionally, Mr. Campos has made a point of supporting charitable organizations throughout our community, such as Ag One, Valley Children's Hospital, Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno, Basque Cultural Center, Caruthers High School, and Jordan College.

Today, Mr. Campos lives on the farm he established when he first came to America with his wife, Juliet, and their three children, Jeanine, Joseph, and Steven. Through their dedication, hard work, and commitment to family values, Campos Brothers Farms has grown to be an industry leader in almond production and processing.

On Friday, July 31, 2015, Ag One will honor Mr. Campos as the 2015 Community Salute for his success as a local almond farmer and his commitment to serving his community.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join us in commending Antonio Campos for successfully pursuing the American Dream and congratulating him for being recognized as the 2015 Community Salute.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF
VIENNA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Vienna and to thank its members for their service to our community.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years and by 1921 there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster community service. International understanding, goodwill, and peace are promoted through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from around the world. Rotary International now boasts more than 1.2 million members and Clubs exist in 166 countries located on six different continents. And I am pleased to be counted among their honorary ranks.

The Vienna Club was chartered June 30, 1965. Shortly thereafter, the Club sponsored a circus as its very first fundraiser. The event raised \$1,000 towards the construction of the Vienna Community Center. Since then, the Club has engaged in a wide variety of activities that have benefitted the community.

In the early years, the Club offered several different scholarships to local students, provided career counseling, organized CPR train-

ing, and engaged in several service projects. Today, the Rotary Club of Vienna is perhaps best known for hosting the annual ViVa Vienna Festival every Memorial Day Weekend. This event attracts thousands of people from throughout the region and is a great source of pride for the Vienna community. Perhaps more importantly, the most recent festival raised approximately \$160,000 that the Club will donate to dozens of organizations locally and throughout the world.

The efforts and effectiveness of the Vienna Rotary Club have been recognized with Rotary International awards for best club, vocational service, literacy programs, international service, membership, best all-round club, best small club bulletin, community service, and outstanding club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Vienna on its 50th Anniversary and thanking its members, volunteers and supporters for putting service above self.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on July 16 of this year, I was away from the Capitol tending to a matter that required me to be in my home district that day. As a result, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures on the floor that day.

On the amendment of Mr. GARAMENDI of California, Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #443, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Mr. LAMALFA of California, Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #444, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On the amendment of Mr. GRIJALVA of Arizona, Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #445, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #446, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Passage of H.R. 2898, Western Water and American Food Security Act, Roll Call Vote #447, had I been present I would have voted yes.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEM-
BERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBU-
TIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOP-
LE OF THE 18TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND
THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to eight extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Christopher Lange from the University of California at Berkeley and the United States Air Force;

Earl King from North Carolina Central School of Law;

BerThaddaeus Bailey from the University of Oklahoma;

Jesse Guadiana from the University of Texas;

Ashley Melero from Texas Tech University; Cassie Gianni from the University of Houston and the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas;

Aisha Yaqoob of the University of Georgia; Aaron Richards of St. John's University; and Asad Moten from Harvard University and the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALLYSEN LOVSTUEN, A 2015 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING RECIPIENT

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allysen Lovstuen, a constituent from

Waukon, Iowa and a 2015 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

On July 1, 2015, President Obama honored Ms. Lovstuen, a mathematics teacher at Decorah High School in Decorah, Iowa, with the award for Excellence. Awarded annually on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), this Presidential honor recognizes outstanding teaching contributions in the fields of math and science in K–12 education.

For her contributions to curriculum development and mathematics instruction, Allysen will receive a signed certificate from President Obama, along with a \$10,000 award from the NSF. Additionally, she will travel to Washington, D.C. for an official awards ceremony hosted by the Administration where she will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with the 107 other award recipients from across the country.

I want to thank Allysen for her commitment to her students at Decorah High School and congratulate her on this honor.

CONGRATULATING THE ROBERT E. SIMON JR. CHILDREN'S CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and its relocation to a new facility.

The education and well-being of our children are among the highest priorities that we as a community share. The Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center provides a safe, nurturing, instructional atmosphere that promotes creativity, curiosity, independence, and cooperation.

The Simon Center is a nonprofit organization located in the 11th Congressional District in Reston, Virginia, and named after Mr. Robert E. Simon, the founder of Reston. The Center was founded in 1990 as part of the Reston Area Child Care Consortium. The consortium was made up of employers, community residents, parents, educators, and professionals concerned about child care needs in our community. The Simon Center fulfilled Mr. Simon's original vision for providing quality childcare in his master plan for Reston.

Mr. Simon's original plan placed the Center adjacent to an elder care facility to add an "inter-generational" component. That feature was part of the Center's original space as it was connected to a rehabilitation center and a close walk to an assisted-living facility. For 24 years, this arrangement flourished and both the children and the senior citizens in the neighborhood benefitted greatly.

The Simon Center is dedicated to meeting the emotional, social, physical, and intellectual needs of children aged three months to five years in a safe, child-oriented environment. Since 2000, the Center has held an advanced accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, a division of The National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Simon Center prides itself on helping children grow through the exploration of their environment and the community. Its caring and highly qualified staff, low teacher turnover, parent-run board of directors, and low children-to-staff nursery ratios create a stable, nurturing environment for our children. The Center provides families greater flexibility with a year-round program and convenient hours with minimal closings.

The benefits of quality early education programs are indisputable. The Center for Public Education has conducted extensive research into both the short term and long term effects of Pre-K educational programs. In every measurable area including kindergarten readiness, high school graduation rates, test scores at various points throughout elementary and high school, average income at age 40, even in home ownership rates, children who had participated in Pre-K programs fared much better than their counterparts who did not.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Robert E. Simon, Jr. Children's Center on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and commending its staff and supporters for their unwavering devotion to our children.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALEX SANCHEZ'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Alex Sanchez, a public servant and long standing friend who most recently retired as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara. It is my great pleasure to commend Mr. Sanchez for his lifelong commitment and dedication to providing affordable housing opportunities for Californians. The reach of his legacy has gone even further, as he has also tirelessly and very effectively advocated for the development and promotion of national housing policies to serve all Americans in need.

I have had the honor of working with Mr. Sanchez for over a quarter of a century to promote housing policies at the State and federal level to assist lower income households in Silicon Valley. The task has been incredibly daunting, given that we serve the most expensive region in the country.

I first met Mr. Sanchez in 1988, when I was asked to join the American Leadership Forum (ALF) as a representative of the educational sector. ALF/Silicon Valley was just forming and a group of local leaders were asked to serve as Class I, which included nearly 30 individuals representing business and local governments, educational institutions and nonprofits.

At the time, I worked for a local school district and also served on a Board of Education for a different school district. Mr. Sanchez had just been named Director of Housing for the City of San Jose. He and I spent many months together and discussed our visions and plans for bettering our community.

One of the most significant moments was to take a two week trip with the ALF group to Colorado Springs, Colorado to discuss the value of community and the need to work together. During this two-week period, we became very close and ultimately helped each

other to climb the 8,000 feet to the top of Pike's Peak.

Mr. Sanchez met his biggest challenge . . . to meet the San Jose Mayor's and City Council's goals to produce thousands of units of affordable housing. Through our time with ALF and the opportunity to work with each other, I was able to witness Alex's selfless and courageous drive to promote policies and design programs to increase the supply of affordable housing.

It has been a great privilege to have shared a friendship and working partnership with Alex Sanchez over the years. I commend him for his 27 years of distinguished service with the City of San Jose Housing Department and the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara. Alex has greatly improved the lives of thousands of people and I thank him for his years of dedicated service to Silicon Valley.

His work has been recognized through his leadership positions in a number of national and state housing policy organizations. He is a founder of the California Housing Consortium, and served as a member of the Housing Leadership Council of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Most recently, he was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to Chair the California Housing Partnership Corporation.

Mr. Sanchez's exemplary leadership will be greatly missed. I rise today to wish him my very deepest congratulations for his exceptional level of commitment to public service across various California communities, including the City of Bell Gardens and the City of Santa Ana. I extend him my greatest personal wishes for health and happiness throughout his very well-earned retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to attend votes from July 20–31, 2015. I would have supported final passage of the following bills:

Roll Call #489 (H.R. 1994: VA Accountability Act of 2015—On Passage)

Roll Call #486 (H.R. 3236: Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015—On Passage)

Roll Call #482 (H.R. 427: Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015—On Passage)

Roll Call #472 (H.R. 675: Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015—On Passage)

Roll Call #466 (H.R. 3009: Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act—On Passage)

Roll Call #458 (H.R. 1734: Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015—On Passage)

Roll Call #449 (H.R. 2256: Veterans Information Modernization Act—On Motion to Suspend the Rule and Pass, as Amended)

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 GREATER RESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS FOR CHAMBER EXCELLENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize recipients of the 2015 Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Awards for Chamber Excellence. The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1982 as a business roundtable in the growing community of Reston, Virginia. For more than 30 years, the Reston Chamber has facilitated business growth and entrepreneurship through its programming, advocacy, and engagement throughout the region. The Reston Chamber currently has more than 600 member businesses that together employ more than 10,000 people. It is the 6th largest chamber of commerce in the Washington, D.C.-metropolitan region and is deeply embedded in the community.

The Reston Chamber hosts annual events such as Taste of Reston, Oktoberfest Reston, and Best of Reston, and it has received national recognition for its Ethics Day, a workshop for high school students on ethical decision making. Members use the INC.spire Education Foundation and business coaching programs to help create and grow their enterprises. INC.spire has assisted more than four dozen entrepreneurs create 500 jobs and \$45 million of business investment.

Each year, the Chamber recognizes member companies, individuals, and volunteers who have demonstrated excellence, innovation, and exceptional dedication to the Reston community. I am pleased to join the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce in recognizing the following Awards for Chamber Excellence (ACE) recipients:

Committee of the Year: Communications Committee

Small Business of the Year: Visual Impact Productions

Medium Business of the Year: Able Moving and Storage

Large Business of the Year: Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC

Member of the Year: Maggie Parker and Comstock Partners LC

New Member of the Year: Jason Butler, JB Printing & Specialty Services

Volunteer of the Year: Janel Giambrone, M&T Bank

President's Award: Cornerstones

Joe Ritchey Pinnacle Award: Matthew Brennan, Brennan & Waite, PLC

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this year's award recipients and in thanking them for their contributions to the local economy and outstanding service to our community. I also commend the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for its role as an invaluable partner to local businesses, nonprofits and schools. The efforts of the Chamber, the member businesses, and volunteers have helped make Reston a truly special place live, work, and raise a family.

ACKNOWLEDGING NATIONAL CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST RECOGNITION WEEK

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge National Clinical Nurse Specialist Recognition Week, which is taking place from September 1st through September 7th.

There are over 72,000 clinical nurse specialists in the United States, and they are an integral part of our health care system. Clinical nurse specialists deliver high quality health care by diagnosing, treating, and managing patients. These critical health care providers identify and implement best practices, which reduce health care costs. The expertise of clinical nurse specialists will be crucial as our nation's population continues to age and demand for health care grows.

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists represents this important profession nationally. I would like to congratulate the association on celebrating their 20th anniversary this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Clinical Nurse Specialist Recognition Week, as well as all the clinical nurse specialists in this country who help ensure that we all stay healthy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 29th 2015, I missed seven recorded votes. I would like to indicate how I would have voted had I been present. On Roll Call No. 483, I would have voted "no." On Roll Call No. 484, I would have voted "no." On Roll Call 485, I would have voted "yes." On Roll Call 486, I would have voted "no."

Although I support full VA funding, I cannot support another short term transportation bill that fails to address the long term transportation funding needs in our country. I was disappointed that the VA funding was tied to this vote. On Roll Call 487, I would have voted "yes." On Roll Call 488, I would have voted "yes." On Roll Call 489, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD ANNUAL GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "ABOVE AND BEYOND" AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding group of first responders and public safety officers who have been honored with the Third Annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce "Above and Beyond" Award.

These awards honor Fairfax County Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies who give back to the Greater Springfield area by providing service to the community outside their normal duties.

In addition to the immeasurable contributions made every day in the line of duty, these men and women have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary efforts in the community, which largely go unseen. They willingly volunteer their personal time, energies, and support to activities for the betterment of our children, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

It is my honor to submit the names of the following individuals:

Fairfax County Sheriff 2nd Lt. Kevin Timothy for his efforts on behalf of Leadership Fairfax Inc.'s Emerging Leaders Institute.

Northern Virginia Community College Police Chief Daniel Dusseau for creating the Northern Virginia Community Outreach Officer Working Group, with members from 20 agencies, among other activities.

Fairfax County Police Officer PFC Matthew Dannemann, West Springfield District Police Station, for his volunteer efforts with the Virginia Chapter of the American Rescue Dog Association and the Police Department Supplemental Search and Rescue Team.

Fairfax County Master Police Officer Jason Thompson, Franconia District Police Station, also for his volunteer efforts with the Virginia Chapter of the American Rescue Dog Association and the Police Department Supplemental Search and Rescue Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking each of the brave men and women who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. They are part of the bravest and the finest who collectively ensure that Fairfax County remains one of the nation's safest communities in which to live, work, and raise a family. Moreover, the volunteer service exhibited by these honorees is one of the hallmarks of what has made Fairfax the thriving community it is today, and because of their efforts, that tradition will carry on for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF ALFRED W. BLUMROSEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Alfred W. Blumrosen, Thomas A. Cowan Professor of Law Emeritus, Rutgers School of Law Law School, who died this month, for his pioneering work in the development of the nation's equal opportunity laws and for his frontier role in the shaping of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which celebrated its 50th year of operation on July 2, 2015.

The nation is fortunate that Professor Blumrosen's dedication to equal rights led him to choose a brand new field of law, equal employment law, to which to devote his brilliant mind. When Professor Blumrosen was born, in 1928, there were no laws requiring equal treatment in the United States. His legacy is work that was instrumental in laying the groundwork for modern anti-discrimination law.

Professor Blumrosen inspired generations of law students at Rutgers School of Law for almost 50 years. As a public intellectual, his steady stream of publications in discrimination and labor law, were matched by his work on the ground helping to put new anti-discrimination laws in action. Blumrosen's work in both these worlds was cited just last month in a dissent in a housing discrimination case, *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project*, by Justice Clarence Thomas, who gave Professor Blumrosen credit for the development of disparate-impact theory, the most powerful tool used in equal opportunity legal work.

"Alfred Blumrosen, one of the principal creators of disparate-impact liability at EEOC, rejected what he described as a 'defeatist view of Title VII' that saw the statute as a 'compromise' with a limited scope. A. Blumrosen, *Black Employment and the Law* 57–58 (1971). Blumrosen 'felt that most of the problems confronting the EEOC could be solved by creative interpretation of Title VII which would be upheld by the courts, partly out of deference to the administrators. . . . EEOC's guidelines from those years are a case study in Blumrosen's 'creative interpretation.' Although EEOC lacked substantive rulemaking authority it repeatedly issued guidelines on the subject of disparate impact.' . . . EEOC's strategy paid off. The Court embraced EEOC's theory of disparate impact, concluding that the agency's position was 'entitled to great deference.' See *Griggs* 401 U.S., at 433–434.

Professor Blumrosen began his leadership in developing anti-discrimination law and the EEOC itself as soon as Title VII, the employment equal rights section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, was enacted. He was the EEOC's first chief of conciliations, where early Title VII law was often made by securing negotiated agreements with employers. He was director of federal-state relations, guiding state and local anti-discrimination agencies in applying this burgeoning new area of law. Although Blumrosen's work in anti-discrimination law was particularly prominent at the EEOC, his work with other agencies was also important, particularly with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, including his research with that agency to show that so-called reverse discrimination was uncommon in affirmative action cases. He served as special attorney in the Civil Rights Division of U.S. Department of Justice. Blumrosen was always generous in lending his brilliant mind to develop equal employment law—as counsel to Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays and Handler, a New York law firm, and as counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, among others.

Mr. Speaker, when I chaired the EEOC, Professor Blumrosen was a principal advisor on much of my most important work. He was particularly instrumental in helping us develop our guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures as well as our affirmative action guidelines to motivate employers to correct discriminatory patterns before they led to liability. Al was on the front lines with me in the total reorganization of EEOC operations nationwide to eliminate its huge backlog while significantly increasing remedies for complainants using negotiated agreements.

Notwithstanding his groundbreaking law development work in the public sector, Professor Blumrosen remained a prolific scholar, whose

efforts in the field often informed his scholarship. For his essay "Six Conditions for Meaningful Self-Regulation", he received the Ross Prize from the American Bar Association.

I was fortunate to write the introduction to one of his books, coauthored by his late wife, the late Ruth Gerber Blumrosen, *Slave Nation: How Slavery United the Colonies and Sparked the American Revolution*. Ruth Blumrosen, a professor of business and an adjunct professor of law at Rutgers, often collaborated with her husband. Together, they were a formidable team of scholars. Not surprisingly, their work in the law also infected their two sons, Steven and Alexander, who are both attorneys and legal scholars.

Mr. Speaker, Alfred Blumrosen spent his professional life as a leader on the development of equal opportunity law and in bringing equality to the workplace. It is rare that a lawyer or a professor has been able to be so influential simultaneously in law development and in implementation of one of the nation's most important laws.

Alfred Blumrosen was fortunate to live to see the 50th anniversary of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 50th anniversary of the opening of the EEOC itself just this past July 2. A fair share of both of these commemorations belongs to Professor Blumrosen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Alfred K. Blumrosen for a lifetime of productive trailblazing work that was instrumental in the creation of equal opportunity law, in the invention of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and in sparking scholarship in a new field of American law.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SING TAO DAILY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sing Tao Daily. On August 1, 2015, Sing Tao Daily will celebrate its 40th anniversary in San Francisco, California. Since 1975, Sing Tao Daily's Western Edition has covered local, state, and international news for Chinese American communities in the Silicon Valley, Seattle, Portland, and Hawaii. The organization is a leading content and service provider for global Chinese communities.

Headquartered in Hong Kong, Sing Tao Daily was the first Chinese language newspaper to publish overseas. The San Francisco Edition was the company's first global expansion and ranks as the highest paid circulation publication among Chinese language newspapers outside of China. Sing Tao Daily has been instrumental in helping Chinese immigrants adapt to their new country. Dedicated to journalistic integrity and recognized for its quality pieces, Sing Tao Daily has presented balanced reports and earned national awards from New American Media and local media organizations. As one of the world's most widely read Chinese newspapers, Sing Tao Daily has earned distinction as a global name in the print media market.

During its lifetime, the multimedia news group has served 625,000 Chinese Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Speaker,

I commend Sing Tao Daily for its service and dedication to providing quality media, which have deeply enriched our Chinese communities.

RECOGNIZING 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY JOHN STREUFERT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent, Mr. John Streufert. Mr. Streufert retired from his position as Director of the Federal Network Resilience Branch (FNR) of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications May 31, 2015, following 34 years of exemplary federal service.

Since Mr. Streufert began his service to our country, he has held an assortment of positions with various agencies including the Navy Sea Systems Command, the Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. While serving as the special assistant for Signals Intelligence and Information Operations, Naval Network Warfare Command, he led the Navy's expansion of its operational role in cyberspace. Mr. Streufert also served with the State Department where he served as Chief Information Security Officer before transferring to DHS and assuming the position of Director of the FNR, which he held for more than three years.

Mr. Streufert is well known in government and industry as the "brains and energy" behind the government's move to secure and continuously monitor the federal information technology network, which was a revolutionary approach he developed while with USAID and State. Upon joining DHS, he cultivated this approach into a strategy for government-wide cybersecurity acquisitions that leveraged the advantages of volume purchasing and thereby reducing taxpayer cost. This program, now known as Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM), enhances the cybersecurity of networks and systems across the government by enabling vulnerabilities to be identified and mitigated more quickly.

In addition to being an innovative technologist and industry trailblazer, Mr. Streufert is known for being a true leader and mentor. His empowerment and mentorship of his federal colleagues and staff will serve as his legacy as those employees become the next generation of our nation's leaders, due largely to his example and guidance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. John Streufert on his retirement and in thanking him for his 34 years of distinguished service to the people of the United States of America. His accomplishments, innovation, and leadership have contributed greatly to our nation and are worthy of our highest praise.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Lakewood Fire Department for 100 years of loyal service to the community.

Throughout the year, the City of Lakewood will recognize the heroic firefighters and paramedics who have proudly and faithfully served the families and businesses in their community.

Fire Chief Ralph Webster and the men and women of Lakewood Fire Department reflect the pride and tradition of excellence that exists throughout the fire protection community. They risk their lives in service to the community and their bravery and courage deserve our recognition.

Please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on July 27–28, 2015. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on roll call vote 467, "yes" on roll call vote 468, "yes" on roll call vote 469, "no" on roll call vote 470, "no" on roll call vote 471, "yes" on roll call vote 472, "no" on roll call vote 473, "no" on roll call vote 474, "yes" on roll call vote 475, "yes" on roll call vote 476, "yes" on roll call vote 477, "yes" on roll call vote 478, "yes" on roll call vote 479, "yes" on roll call vote 480, "yes" on roll call vote 481, and "no" on roll call vote 482.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA TERESA NARVÁEZ BOU

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Anna Teresa Narváez Bou in celebration of her 100th birthday. She was born in Corozal, Puerto Rico on July 26, 1915. She married Ramon Narváez Ferrer and had two children, Ramon Luis Narváez Bou and Carmen Lourdes Narváez Bou.

Doña Teresa, as she is affectionately known, came to New York in 1952 during the great migration from Puerto Rico to the States. The Great Depression of the 1930s and the impact of World War II in the 1940s on the island doubly effected poverty and the prospect of employment for many Puerto Ricans. This combined with the launch of commercial air travel influenced her and her family to come to New York. She settled at 25 McKibbin Street in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. A few years later they were displaced due to the city's urban re-

newal development project in the area. Housing discrimination patterns and the language barrier resulted in further displacement for the family in the years that followed.

In spite of the challenges faced by living in a new city and learning a new language and culture, Doña Teresa persevered. She earned her living working at a factory and lived her life, then and now, selflessly with honor and pride. She raised her children and instilled the values of integrity, fairness, service, faith and community. Her determination motivated her to triumph during difficult times. Her experiences compelled her to advocate for safe, decent and affordable housing for the growing Puerto Rican community in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Today, Doña Teresa continues to exemplify a love for her family and friends. She is proud of her children and grandchildren who embody a life of service whether in the community or serving the nation. Her sense of humor, generosity, and perseverance has served her well for 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is women like Doña Teresa that embody the heart of our great nation as well as the spirit of the proud Puerto Rican woman and mother who dreamed of a better life for her family and community.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 7th Congressional District of New York in wishing Anna Teresa Narváez-Bou a very happy 100th birthday.

HONORING THE 2015 LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the 2015 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Community Partner Awards and Volunteer of the Year Awards. Founded in 1962, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) is a non-profit educational organization that recruits and trains volunteers to teach adults who need help reading, writing, speaking, and understanding the English language.

The mission of LCNV is to empower adults by providing a wide range of programs that teach the basic literacy skills needed in order to become self-sufficient and full participants in society. These programs include Basic Adult Literacy Tutoring, which works with adults who speak and understand English but are beginning readers and writers, and ESOL tutoring programs that teach reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking to those in our community for whom English is not their native language. In addition, LCNV offers two classroom programs: The ESOL Learning Center program, which serves low-income immigrant adults and teaches life skills important in the work place and community, and Family Learning Programs, which teach English proficiency to parents while their children participate in separate literacy-related activities.

Over more than 50 years, thousands of people and families have gained new knowledge through LCNV programs. This would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the many volunteers and community partners. It is my great honor to recognize

the following recipients of the 2015 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Awards:

Community Partner Awards: Capital One; The Phillip L. Graham Fund; Region 8 Adult Education Programs

Student Essay Readers: Lorena Lemus De Hernandez; Nansy Peta; Blanca Soliz

Volunteers of the Year: Lynn Gallagher; Sandra Thomas; Chris Wollenberg

Mid Allen Ries Award: Xavier Muñoz

This year, LCNV learners were invited to submit writings around the theme for this year's Annual Recognition Event: "My Hopes and Dreams." Learners worked with tutors, teachers, and classmates to formulate ideas, construct drafts, edit, and polish their writing in order to create final products that were published in LCNV's annual report. I commend each of the learners who submitted a piece and congratulate them on the incredible progress that they have made.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and in congratulating each of the 2015 Award Recipients. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment improves the quality of life for the students, as well as the community, by providing program participants with the life skills that are necessary to become active and productive members of society.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:06 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:19 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 3433–3437; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 63; H. Con. Res. 70–71; and H. Res. 406–407, were introduced. **Page H5782**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5783**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Officially-Connected Travel by House Members to Azerbaijan in 2013 (H. Rept. 114–239). **Page H5782**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5779**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend John Peck, SJ, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H5779**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H5779.

Senate Referral: S. 1172 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H5779**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine the verification and assessment report, 5 p.m., SVC–217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, August 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, August 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1881, Prohibit Federal Funding of Planned Parenthood, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.

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