

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF STANTON

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, in 1911, the City of Stanton, previously known as the "Benedict" community, was incorporated and named after Philip A. Stanton an honorable legislator; and

Whereas, Stanton remained an incorporated community until 1924. At an election held on July 22, 1924, the voters decided to disincorporate to allow the State to construct roads in the territory; and

Whereas, on May 15, 1956 a successful election was held on incorporation. On June 4, 1956, the City of Stanton was officially incorporated again under the general law form of government as specified by the State of California; and

Whereas, upon recommendation of the Stanton Women's Civic Club in October 1959, the Jacaranda was selected as the City Tree, and the Bird of Paradise was selected as the City Flower; and

Whereas, at the City Council meeting of January 24, 1989 the City was presented with a flag that incorporated the official city logo and colors. The City Council unanimously adopted the City flag on February 14, 1989; and

Whereas, on March 24, 1987 the City Council unanimously adopted "Community Pride and Forward Vision" as the official City motto; and

Whereas, Stanton is home to more than 39,000 residents within its three square miles in the heart of northwestern Orange County. Recent years have seen the City of Stanton experience rapid growth in the commercial, industrial and residential sectors, creating a balanced community with a deep sense of pride in its accomplishments; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that January 12, 2016, is the beginning of celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the City of Stanton and encourage all residents of the City of Stanton to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the City of Stanton by exploring and honoring its rich history and embracing the City's future.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a native Californian to mark the 100th anniversary of my hometown, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California's most charming coastal community.

Carmel was founded as a unique and special city by artists and writers. It is now known around the world for its charm and scenic coastal beauty. It is also where my parents Fred and Janet Farr raised me and my sisters, and where my wife Shary and I raised our daughter Jessica. So I am especially pleased to speak on the occasion of this special remembrance.

Carmel may be celebrating 100 years as an incorporated city, but its history stretches back much further. In many ways, Carmel and the greater Monterey Peninsula is where California began. The Esselen natives called Carmel's estuaries, canyons, hills, beaches, and forests home for thousands of years. The first Europeans passed Carmel in 1547 when the explorer Juan Cabrillo sailed up the California coast on behalf of the Spanish Empire. In 1770, the recently canonized Father Junipero Serra accompanied the Portola expedition north from Mexico to establish a settlement in Monterey. In 1771, Serra established the now famous mission in Carmel as one of the eventual 21 such missions established along the California coast. Serra, himself, is interred at the Mission.

By the end of the nineteenth century various investors made sporadic attempts to develop a township in the area adjacent to the old mission. Finally in 1902, the Carmel Development Company under James Frank Devendorf and Frank Powers filed a subdivision map and took other steps to found a town at Carmel's current site. By 1905, the Carmel Arts and Crafts Club formed to support Carmel's small community of artists. That arts community grew dramatically following the 1906 San Francisco quake as artists fleeing the destruction of their city were drawn to the beautiful community by the sea with the burgeoning reputation as an arts colony. The new residents were offered home lots for ten dollars down and whatever they could pay on a monthly basis. Many prominent artists became associated with Carmel, including Robinson Jeffers, Sinclair Lewis, and Jack London, to name just a few. All this growth built Carmel to the point in 1916 that it could incorporate as a full-fledged city.

This background gave Carmel a vibrant energy as it continued to develop in the 20th Century. By the 1940s when my parents moved us to Carmel, it had grown into a thriving small town. As I grew up during the 1950s, every street was filled with families and children. My father was a local lawyer who got elected to the California State Senate in 1955 and represented the area in Sacramento until 1966. He returned to save the Robinson Jeffers home and the Odello artichoke fields at the mouth of the valley. Now in the 21st Century, the same beauty and culture that built Carmel has made it a global tourism destination. What will the next 100 years bring?

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as well as my fellow Carmelites, in celebrating this first 100 years of our wonderful little city.

CELEBRATING BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE PIAA CLASS A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2015 Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School football team for earning its second consecutive PIAA Class A state football championship.

Adding to its inspiring accomplishments from last season, this dedicated Marauder team, led by Coach Justin Wheeler, finished this season with a perfect 16-0 record. Even more impressive, that brings their winning streak to 32 straight games over two seasons.

By handily winning another PIAA Class A football championship this year, the team has even made regional football history by not only making it to the big game in back-to-back years but also winning it. What's more, winning more than one state football championship is something that no other team in the region can claim.

While these many notable achievements are worth highlighting, I also believe it's worth pointing out the humility and work ethic that accompanied them. Through their efforts, the Bishop Guilfoyle football team's players and coaches have displayed character and commitment worth recognizing. This team's continued success is surely another reason to be proud of where we're from.

Today I am honored to recognize the 2015 Bishop Guilfoyle football team for another state championship victory and its continuously growing list of accomplishments. I am proud of how this team has represented Central Pennsylvania and I speak for many when I say I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this program.

TRUDY ROGERS EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Trudy Rogers for earning the prestigious Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award, their highest honor.

Trudy is a junior at Travis High School and lives in my hometown of Sugar Land, Texas. She is a member of New Territory-Brazos Valley Community Troop 28103 and serves as an Ambassador Girl Scout for her troop. She earned the Gold Award for her extraordinary project, "Underdog Yelp!," that helps Sugar Land Animal Services. Trudy constructed a staircase, exercise ramp and platform to help

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keep the shelter animals healthy and entertained. She also sponsored a community adoption event for animals at the shelter and Pet Harbor and the importance of proper animal healthcare. What an accomplished and caring young woman. The leadership skills Trudy has learned through Girl Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Trudy Rogers for receiving the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

RECOGNIZING PAM BRIER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader who has worked tirelessly to improve healthcare for residents of Brooklyn and all of New York City.

At the beginning of this month, Pam Brier retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maimonides Medical Center. Throughout her illustrious career, Pam has shepherded Maimonides from a community hospital to a state-of-the-art medical hub, a pioneer of integrating technology into medical care.

Pam's achievements are too many to recount. She helped introduce information technology to better care for the chronically ill. She launched a cancer center in Brooklyn, making treatments more accessible in our borough. She worked on securing clothing for homeless patients, and made countless other contributions to New York's health system.

Pam founded the Brooklyn Health Information Exchange, bringing together healthcare providers and social service providers. With support from the state and from a Federal Innovation Award, she encouraged the development of a collaborative model program to coordinate the care of individuals living with serious mental illness and other chronic diseases.

Pam accomplished all of this because of her outstanding personal abilities. I've known her for decades and can tell you she has that rare combination of traits that make for an exceptional leader. She has the perseverance to stay the course during trying times, to evolve her thinking as new challenges arise and a special quality that inspires others to succeed.

During her tenure, Pam made sure every staff member was working together to build Maimonides into the premier healthcare institution it is today. She did all of this, while never losing sight of the fact that healthcare is not just about medicine—it is about caring for people.

Pam has an unwavering commitment to helping cure the sick and provide for those of meager means. I can tell you there was never a moment when Pam did not take the opportunity to advocate for better healthcare. Whether it was a meeting at the hospital in New York or any other occasion—like my birthday—or even hers—she always found a way to work healthcare issues into the conversation.

That tireless advocacy comes from a good place. It is because Pam Brier knows that when it comes to healthcare we are talking about people's lives and she never stopped fighting to improve our healthcare system.

Pam Brier has done much for our community and City. We all owe her a debt of gratitude. Later this month the Maimonides community will come together to salute Pam and wish her well. For now, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Pam Brier on her many achievements and her well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yes" on rollcall Number 2 (Previous Question); "yes" on rollcall Number 3 (Adoption of the Rule for Reconciliation); "yes" on rollcall Number 4 (Previous Question); "yes" on rollcall Number 5 (Adoption of the Combined Rule for H.R. 712 & H.R. 1155); and "yes" on rollcall Number 6 (Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3762).

IN HONOR OF ROBERT WALTER "BOBBY" DEWS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected athlete, coach, author, and family man, Robert Walter "Bobby" Dews. Sadly, Bobby Dews passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2015. A private funeral service was attended by close family and friends.

Mr. Dews was a longtime resident of Georgia and graduated from Edison High School in Calhoun County before attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he played baseball and basketball.

As a young man, Bobby Dews was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He was an infielder on the team for eight years before beginning his managerial career. Mr. Dews eventually returned to Georgia and served as manager, scout, and coach for the Atlanta Braves for over 30 years. In recognition of his successful career in baseball, Mr. Dews was inducted into Georgia Tech's Hall of Fame.

Bobby Dews was not only a natural athlete and baseball enthusiast but also a masterful storyteller, publishing several novels and books of short poetry and prose. After retiring from the Braves, Mr. Dews remained involved in the community and served as the writer-in-residence for Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia, where he had previously received his Associate's degree.

Mr. Dews was truly an asset to the Atlanta and Edison communities and the state of Georgia. A prominent sports figure in the state, Bobby Dews will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing this inspiring mentor and humble friend.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Bobby Dews committed a pro-

digious amount of time and love to service others and shared his own enthusiasm and wisdom in order to better those around him. In life and in death, Mr. Dews has left a lasting impact on all those who he mentored over the years.

Bobby Dews leaves behind his loving wife of 39 years, Glenda; his daughter, Dana; and his grandson and namesake, Robert Dawson Gates. Additionally, Mr. Dews is survived by his sister, stepsister, and two stepbrothers as well as several nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Edison, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and my wife, Vivian, in extending our deepest sympathies to Bobby Dews' family and friends during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith in the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PATRICIA "PATTY" SIEGEL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on December 25th, a beautiful Christmas day in San Francisco, a beloved community leader and esteemed childcare advocate passed away. Patricia "Patty" Siegel was a courageous, passionate and relentless champion for children, who dedicated her life and career to making childcare accessible and affordable for all families. Patty helped lay the groundwork for America's contemporary childcare network.

In 1972, drawing on her experience as a mother, teacher and parent-organizer, Patty founded one of the nation's first childcare resource and referral agencies, the Childcare Switchboard, now known as the Children's Council of San Francisco. For 30 years, Patty served as Executive Director of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, the first such network in the nation, which empowered her to play an influential role in shaping state and federal childcare policy. Among her biggest achievements was the passage of federal legislation in 1990 creating the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which provides subsidies to low-income families seeking childcare.

Patty served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Care Development and was one of the original state commissioners for the First 5 California Commission that oversees and supports the funding of education, health, and childcare programs for California children under age 5 and their families. With her customary energy and vision, Patty also inspired and guided the development of Parent Voices, a grassroots parent-led effort to engage and empower parents to participate in the policy process.

An early champion of the idea that early education creates long-term cognitive and emotional benefits, Patty Siegel's name is synonymous with the best initiatives giving all children the opportunity to succeed. As we mourn Patty's passing, we know she lives on—in the

children she helped, in the working families she empowered, and in the activists she inspired.

Sadly, in 2014, Patty lost her beloved husband, Sandy, who proudly supported her efforts over the years. I hope it is a comfort to their children Toby, Tara and Kelsey, and their four grandchildren, that so many are thinking of them during this difficult time. We are grateful to them for sharing such a magnificent and dearly beloved woman with us. Her beautiful spirit lives on in the battles she won, the policies she changed, and the countless lives she continues to impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 2 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 579). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 3 regarding "Providing for consideration of H.R. 3762" (H. Res. 579). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 4 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 580). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 5 regarding "Providing for consideration of H.R. 712" (H. Res. 580). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 6 regarding "Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015" (H.R. 3762). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

KASEY HODGE EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kasey Hodge from Katy, Texas for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor in Boy Scouts.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which takes years of dedicated effort. Community service and leadership—the most important aspects of scouting—are values every Scout brings wherever life leads them. Kasey's project involved building a community bench in a local dog park. Kasey's dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in college and his future career. The leadership skills Kasey has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on becoming an Eagle Scout. I have no doubt Kasey has a bright future ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast roll call votes on a few days in the First Session of the 114th Congress. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 116; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 179; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 180; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 181; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 182; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 183; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 184; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 185; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 186; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 187; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 188; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 189; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 190; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 191; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 192; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 193; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 194; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 195; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 196; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 197; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 198; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 199; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 200; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 201; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 202; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 203; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 204; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 205; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 206; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 207; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 208; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 209; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 210; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 211; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 212; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 213; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 214; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 215; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 261; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 264; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 265; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 266; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 267; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 500; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 674; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 675; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 677; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 678; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 679 and I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 680.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,918,380,217,573.17. We've added \$8,291,503,168,660.09 to our debt in 7

years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: No on Roll Call Number 47 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 98 (Cummings Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 9 (Lynch Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 10 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 11 (Democrat Motion to Recommit); Yes on Roll Call Number 12 (Passage of H.R. 712); No on Roll Call Number 13 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 14 (Cummings Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 15 (Cicilline Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 16 (DeBene Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 17 (Cicilline Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 18 (Pocan Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 19 (Democrat Motion to Recommit); Yes on Roll Call Number 20 (Passage of H.R. 1155); Yes on Roll Call Number 21 (Previous Question); and Yes on Roll Call Number 22 (Adoption of H. Res. 581).

RECOGNIZING COACH FRANK BEAMER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Frank Beamer on the occasion of his retirement as the head football coach of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), located in Blacksburg, Virginia, as he concludes his highly successful career. For almost three decades, Coach Beamer has been a tremendous leader in Virginia, and a mentor to hundreds of student athletes.

In twenty nine seasons under Coach Beamer's leadership, Virginia Tech Football has enjoyed unprecedented success, notching 237 wins, three Big East championships, four Atlantic Coast Conference championships, and the opportunity to play for a national championship. His "Beamer Ball" style of play has led Virginia Tech to become one of the nation's most respected college football programs. In 1999, Coach Beamer was named the consensus Associated Press College Football Coach of the Year.

Coach Beamer's first postseason berth as head coach at Virginia Tech was a trip to the 1993 Independence Bowl game which resulted in a victory for the Hokies. It was only fitting that Coach Beamer ended his coaching career with a 55-52 victory over the University of Tulsa in the 2015 Independence Bowl, capping off a school record 23 straight postseason bowl games.

Raised in Hillsville, Virginia, Coach Beamer graduated from Hillsville High School where

he earned eleven varsity letters as a three-sport athlete in football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to attend Virginia Tech as an undergraduate and started three years as a cornerback, playing on the Hokie's 1966 and 1968 Liberty Bowl teams. While attending Radford University to receive his master's degree in guidance, he began his coaching career in 1969 as an assistant at Radford High School. From there he went on to work as a graduate assistant at Maryland for one year, followed by the Citadel for five seasons, where he was defensive coordinator for two of them. In 1979, Coach Beamer joined Murray State University as defensive coordinator and was named head coach in 1981. In 1987, Coach Beamer made his way back to his native Southwest Virginia to take the reins at Virginia Tech. He has brought honor to Southwest Virginia and Virginia Tech by always being the consummate Virginia gentlemen and a darn good coach to boot. He has devoted his time and passion to the teams he has coached as well as the greater Southwest Virginia community. In 2004, he was presented with a Humanitarian Award by the National Conference for Community and Justice for his contributions to fostering justice, equity, and community in the Roanoke Valley.

As evidenced by his incredible success, Coach Beamer has much to be proud of, and can look back on an honest and accomplished career. His passion for coaching led him to achieve what many coaches dream of. He has shaped futures and touched lives in Virginia and the nation that extend generations. This is the true measure of a great coach.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to help commemorate the career of a remarkable man. After twenty nine years of dedicated leadership to Virginia Tech and the greater community, I would like to thank Coach Beamer for his service. I wish him and his family all of the best in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes this week. Had I been present on January 5th and 6th, 2016, I would have voted 'Present' for roll call 1 and 'nay' on roll calls 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on roll call nos. 21 & 22, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE SCOTTSVILLE METHODIST 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Scottsville Methodist Church.

Begun around the close of the Civil War in an area known as Scotts Corners, Scottsville Methodist has served as a community of faith for the people of Lower Bucks County for a century and a half. Over the years, the church has changed names and locations, but what has remained consistent is its commitment to strengthening the faith and sense of community for those who worship there.

On this, the celebration of their 150th anniversary, I join with the congregation of Scottsville Methodist Church and congratulate them on this great accomplishment. I wish you many more years of success and peaceful worship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on Roll Call Vote Number 12, cast on January 7, 2016. The vote was on passage of H.R. 712, the Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015, which would require an agency seeking to enter a covered consent decree or settlement agreement to publish such decree or agreement in the Federal Register and online not later than 60 days before it is filed with the court. On passage of H.R. 712, I voted "Aye." It was my intention to vote "No."

While I firmly believe in judicial transparency, I could not support this legislation in its entirety. H.R. 712 included provisions that place unreasonable burdens on our regulatory process and give undue influence to certain groups. This legislation addressed pressing issues with the efficacy and efficiency of our regulatory process; however, it did not strike the right balance. That is why I ultimately decided to oppose this legislation, and I would like to reflect this intent.

HONORING HARRISON LIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to a great community leader and dear friend, Harrison Lim, on the occasion of his 80th birthday and 50th wedding anniversary. I join his family and friends, City officials, Chinese family associations and service organizations to honor and thank him for 45 years of extraordinary leadership, vision, and enormous generosity to the Chinese American community of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Through the numerous organizations he has founded and guided, he has represented and served the political, economic and charitable needs of Chinese Americans living in the Bay Area. Today's Chinese American community is bright, vibrant, hopeful and prosperous, thanks to champions such as Harrison Lim.

Harrison Lim immigrated to the United States in 1970, and since that time has devoted himself to helping newcomer families transition to their new homeland and pursue the American Dream.

Harrison founded two essential nonprofit social service agencies in California, one in San Francisco and one in San Jose, to help new immigrants adjust to a new culture and achieve success.

The first agency, Charity Cultural Services Center, was established in 1983 in San Francisco to help Chinese immigrants learn English and gain skills to become independent and thrive in their new community. It has provided immigration and naturalization services, cooking and carpentry job training and placement, tutoring programs with San Francisco high schools and much more. Before retiring in 1998, Harrison purchased a building in the heart of Chinatown as a permanent home for this nonprofit agency.

The second nonprofit agency, Cross-Cultural Community Services Center, was established in 1991 in San Jose. Staff worked with the City of San Jose and 14 elementary schools to provide tutoring and afterschool activities for African American, Southeast Asian, Hispanic and Chinese American students to help them achieve academic success.

Mr. Lim has won numerous awards during his career, including: Unsung Hero Award by KQED Channel 9 and the Examiner Newspaper—1995; Community Hero Award by the San Francisco Foundation—2001; Community Hero Award by the World Journal—2004; Most distinguished alumni for Chinese University of Hong Kong's 50th Anniversary—2013; Outstanding Volunteer Award from President Barack Obama—2015.

Harrison remains active on the board of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. For the past 30 years, he has helped the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and the United Way fundraise for 12 agencies in Chinatown, such as the YMCA, YWCA, Chinese Hospital and Self Help for the Elderly. He has also been recognized for his leadership in establishing the Chinatown Campus of San Francisco City College.

I have been honored by our longstanding friendship and wish to thank his wife, Margaret, his daughters, Artina and Rosana, and his sons, Jackson and Samson, for sharing their extraordinary husband and father with us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote number 7 regarding "On Agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 8 regarding "On Agreeing to the Cummings Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 9 regarding "On Agreeing to the Lynch Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 10 regarding "On Agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 11 regarding "On Motion to Recommit with Instructions". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 12 regarding "Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015" (H.R. 712). Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed rollcall vote number 13 regarding "On Agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amend-

ment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 14 regarding "On Agreeing to the Cummings Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 15 regarding "On Agreeing to the Cicilline Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 16 regarding "On Agreeing to the DelBene Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 17 regarding "On Agreeing to the Cicilline Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 18 regarding "On Agreeing to the Pocan Amendment". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 19 regarding "On Motion to Recommit with Instructions". Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I missed rollcall vote number 20 regarding "Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015" (H.R. 1155). Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed rollcall vote number 21 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 581). Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed rollcall vote number 22 regarding "On agreeing to the Resolution" (H. Res. 581). Had I been present, I would have voted "no."