Lauren Jordan, Debbie King, Jonathan Lawrence, Robert Murninghan, Brittney Nock, Christopher Perez, Jenna Perez, Andre Robinson, Charmel Sippio, Amanda Smith, Krystle Snyder, Michael Solvibile, Patricia Stout, Prunell Thurman, Philip Washington.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday evening, June 26, 2000, there was a series of votes called for the bill providing appropriations for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State, and the Judiciary—H.R. 4690. I was unavoidably delayed due to mechanical problems and personnel issues with not one, but two different, airlines. Consequently, I was delayed to the point of missing several votes.

Had I been present for roll call vote 322, the Sanford Amendment numbered 33 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to strike the $8.2 million appropriation for the Asia Foundation in the Department of State, I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present for roll call vote 323, the Olver Amendment numbered 72 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to add a new proviso into the bill (relating to the Kyoto Protocols) which clarifies that the limitations on funds shall not apply to activities which are otherwise authorized by law, I would have voted Nay.

Had I been present for roll call vote 324, the Hostettler Amendment numbered 23 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to add a new section which provides that no funds in the bill may be used to enforce, implement, or administer the provisions of the settlement document dated March 17, 2000, between Smith and Wesson and the Department of the Treasury, I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present for roll call vote 325, the Vitte amendment numbered 77 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to add language to the bill prohibiting the use of funds by the State Department to approve the purchase of property in Arlington, Virginia by the Xinhua News Agency, I would have voted Aye.

Finally, had I been present for roll call 326, final passage for the bill, H.R. 4690, I would have voted Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Rollcall vote No. 319.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on rollcall No. 319, the Waxman amendment to H.R. 4690—Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SHIRLEY FEIRER, PRESIDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the years of dedication and service of Shirley Feirer to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Ms. Feirer will be concluding her year of outstanding service as President of the Department of Michigan VFW Auxiliary on July 1, 2000 at the Department Convention in Dearborn, Michigan.

President Feirer first joined the Auxiliary in October 1983 with her husband Joseph, who served in World War II in Europe. In 1990 she was appointed as District 10 President, which she performed simultaneously with her newly elected position as Washington Township Supervisor. In 1997, she was chosen to serve as all State President. Elected as a Guard with the Department of Michigan in 1994, Ms. Feirer proceeded through the chairs to become State President in 1999.

Over the past year, Shirley has logged many miles to visit the 279 VFW auxiliaries that make up the Michigan Department. She has not only traveled the state of Michigan, she has represented the over 3,000 Michigan auxiliary members at national conventions. She has balanced all of this with her role as Washington Township Supervisor, Mother of three sons, five step-children, twelve grandchildren, one great grandchild and caretaker of her mother.

Today I would like to thank Shirley for her years of service and her dedication to the veterans who have so nobly served our country. The foundation that Ms. Feirer helped to build will remain for future generations. I wish her the very best as she steps down as President. I am sure she will continue to be a valuable asset to the VFW Auxiliary in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 28, I missed a series of votes due to the death of my father. Had I been here, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall #352—yes, Rollcall #353—yes, Rollcall #354—yes, Rollcall #355—no, Rollcall #356—yes, Rollcall #357—no.

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE AND COMMUNITY FREEDOM FEST COMMEMORATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the contributions of the men and women who have served America while stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas and members of the community during their Independence Day celebration.

The Sheppard Air Force Base July 4th, 2000 Freedom Fest is a celebration of freedom recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of patriots in the past and celebrating the promise of America's future. In honor of this event and these contributions, I enter the following proclamation into the official record of today.

Whereas the friendship and understanding between the men and women of Sheppard Air Force Base and Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, Iowa Park, and other North Texas communities are indicative of the strong civil-military support so essential to America's strength;

Whereas since its beginnings in 1941 as a training base for B–25 and B–26 aircraft mechanics, Sheppard Air Force Base has continued to play an essential role in training so many of America's sons and daughters in critical skills that enabled us to win the Cold War;

Whereas it should be acknowledged the men and women of Sheppard Air Force Base host Freedom Fest—a day of family fun—in appreciation and gratitude of the military and civilian patriots of the past and present so committed to the preservation of freedom;

Therefore, let it be known that the Sheppard Air Force Base Freedom Fest celebration is a commendable event celebrating freedom, liberty, community support, and friendship.