

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, during the week of September 18, 2006, I was unable to cast recorded votes due to the death of my father and attendance to family matters in Kansas.

On September 19, had I cast my vote on rollcall votes 451, 452, and 453, I would have voted "yes" on each one.

On September 20, had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 454, 455, and 456, I would have voted "no" on each one. Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 457, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 458, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 459, I would have voted "no." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 460, I would have voted "yes."

On September 21, had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 461, I would have voted "no." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 462, I would have voted "no." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 463, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 464, I would have voted "no." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 465, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 466, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 467, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 468, I would have voted "no." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 469, I would have voted "yes." Had I cast my vote on rollcall vote 470, I would have voted "no."

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HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on May 22, 2006 I missed rollcall vote No. 178 on the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (H.R. 3858). Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of this legislation that requires local and state authorities to consider the needs of people with pets and service animals in disaster planning. Hurricane Katrina taught our Nation many difficult lessons about preparing for a disaster. We now know that many evacuees, who were fleeing the area, were forced to abandon their animals. This bill works to correct these problems by requiring all federal evacuation plans to protect pets. I know how important a role pets play in the lives of many people, and therefore am proud to be both a co-sponsor and full supporter of this legislation.

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HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to attend a number of votes that took place Sep-

tember 26, 2006 on the House floor. I take my responsibility to vote very seriously and would like my intentions included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 479, or the Child Custody Protection Act, S. 403; "yea" on rollcall 480, or the Public Expression of Religion Act, H.R. 2679; "yea" on rollcall 481, or the Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with specific emphasis on civilian protection, H. Res. 723; "yea" on rollcall 482, or the Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan, H. Res. 992; "yea" on rollcall 483, or the Commending the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror, and for other purposes, H. Res. 989; "yea" on rollcall 484, or the Affirming support for the sovereignty and security of Lebanon and the Lebanese people, H. Res. 1017; "yea" on rollcall 485, or the National Institutes of Health Reform Act, H.R. 6164; and "yea" on rollcall 486, or the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007, H.R. 5631.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to the Electronic Warfare Center of Excellence at the Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, as it celebrates its 55th anniversary.

Electronic Warfare encompasses the science of denying an enemy the ability to locate, monitor, guide, and communicate within its own offensive and defensive operations, while retaining one's own capabilities. In practical terms, it includes, but is not limited to, the ability of our missiles and aircraft to avoid detection while breaking through the electronic barriers erected by our enemies.

Great Britain's World War II Prime Minister Winston Churchill dubbed this technology the "Wizard War." And for much of Point Mugu's Electronic Warfare Center of Excellence's existence, its work has been shrouded in secrecy accorded wizardry. Much of its work today, in fact, remains sensitive and classified.

However, what is public knowledge is impressive: maintaining the EA-6B, Airborne Electronic Attack platform, optimizing Jammer techniques, developing Mission Planning systems, conducting post-mission processing, and continually updating the worldwide threat database.

The center has generated millions of lines of software code; provides fleet support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year—including Thanksgiving and Christmas; and fields tens of thousands of help desk calls every year. The men and women who staff Point Mugu's Electronic Warfare Center of Excellence are not only among the most creative, they are also among the most dedicated.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Point Mugu's Electronic Warfare Center of Excellence and the men and women who have worked diligently behind

the curtain for 55 years to keep our Nation free.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John's Episcopal Church in the Town of Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent! On October 21, 2006, the good citizens of Boonton will celebrate St. John's Episcopal Church's 150th Anniversary.

St. John's Episcopal Church was established in 1856, when the Reverend Charles F. Hoffman began holding services at a building on Main Street in Boonton. The Reverend Francis D. Canfield became Rector later that year and was responsible for leading his congregation to finance and build their own church. The plans were drawn by an architect renowned for the designs of such magnificent structures as Trinity Church, Trinity Chapel and St. Thomas' in New York City. The cornerstone of St. John's Church of Boonton was laid on July 8, 1863. The total cost of the building amounted to \$3,600. The building was completed in three months and consecrated on October 13, 1863. Two years later the grounds were graded and enclosed in stone. The Reverend Canfield, in addition to his regular responsibilities, was responsible for raising much of the money needed to build the church.

St. John's is also graced by its E. & G. G. Hook Company Opus 394 pipe organ, which was installed in the north transept in 1893. The organ company was one of the foremost makers of fine pipe organs in the 19th century. The organ has been in continuous service since its installation and is dedicated to Eleanor Bidwell, St. John's organist-choirmaster for 37 years, through 2001.

St. John's continues to be a vital part of the greater Boonton area to this day, hosting regular luncheons for the needy and helping to support the local Cedar Street Community Development Corporation, the Boy Scouts, the Seamen's Church Institute, and the Boonton Food Bank.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. John's Episcopal Church of Boonton on the celebration of its 150 years serving Morris County.

H.R. 4893

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4893, which represents a significant change in federal policy towards tribal governments and grossly undermines tribal sovereignty.

The U.S. Constitution article 1, section 8 acknowledges Indian Tribes as governments, equal to States and Foreign Nations. In recognition of this constitutionally guaranteed