

Res. 1052, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5825, the Electronic Surveillance Act. Defeating the previous question would have allowed the House, immediately after the rule is adopted, to take up a bill to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

House rollcall vote No. 499—I would have voted “no” on H. Res. 1052, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5825, Electronic Surveillance Act. This Rules Committee reported out a closed rule, which allowed for no amendments and limited debate on a bill that has strong, bipartisan opposition.

House rollcall vote No. 500—I would have voted “yes” on Representative Thompson’s Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4954—SAFE Port Act. Mr. Thompson’s motion instructs conferees to agree to the Senate provisions to improve security for America’s rail, subway, buses and trucking systems; and to the Senate provisions to strengthen aviation security, secure the border, create a National Warning and Alert System, and provide first responders with post-disaster health monitoring. I was pleased this measure passed by a vote of 281–140, with all Democrats voting yes.

House rollcall vote No. 501—I would have voted “yes” on the Schiff/Flake/Harman/Ingilis Motion to Recommit. The bipartisan substitute would update provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, FISA, to provide intelligence agencies more flexibility in emergency situations and less bureaucratic red tape when applying for warrants, while still requiring court orders for domestic surveillance of Americans. The motion to recommit failed by a vote of 202–221.

House rollcall vote No. 502—I would have voted “no” on final passage of H.R. 5825, the Electronic Surveillance Act. I strongly support giving our law enforcement and intelligence agencies the tools they need to fight terror. However, H.R. 5825 gives the President unnecessarily broad powers to eavesdrop on innocent Americans. The FISA court system has worked well for nearly 30 years—we should be expanding and reforming the existing system, instead of reducing judicial oversight and undermining our system of checks and balances.

House rollcall vote No. 503—I would have voted “yes” on H.R. 6143, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act. While I understand that some States may lose funding under the new formula, I believe it is important to reauthorize this program that is critical to far too many Americans. I am hopeful that as the bill moves to the Senate, we can increase the overall funding level for the program so that Congress does not have to pick winners and losers in combating this terrible disease.

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#### ANN RICHARDS’ PASSING

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, our country lost one of its most vibrant political forces—a woman of remarkable intellect, principle and—to be sure—wit. Regardless of who you were or whether you agreed with her politics, you could not help but

admire and respect Ann Richards for who she was and what she accomplished. She was one of a kind—and she was my friend.

The twelfth woman ever elected Governor in the United States and the first elected in Texas in her own right, Ann Richards was a trailblazer—a pioneer who never wasted a minute of her 73 years. Like few others, she was a force of nature—always pushing forward.

And whether she was raising her four children, teaching high school and college, working to elect women to the Texas Legislature when there were hardly any, or training women candidates and campaign managers, Ann Richards made opportunity real for women—something I learned for myself, when she came to Connecticut to help me highlight the issues important to the women in my community. There I saw firsthand how she understood that the political process was a powerful force for change.

But you did not have to be a woman or a student to admire and learn from Ann Richards. The secret to her success as simple as it was elemental. Indeed, as much as Ann Richards’s wit made people laugh, more importantly, she made people think. She challenged our society and believed we could always make it better, fairer, more just.

And Mr. Speaker, for someone so relentlessly quotable, no one will ever say that Ann Richards could not also walk the walk. During her campaign for Governor, Ann said she would be the face of “New Texas” and believed that government ought to reflect the diversity of its citizens. When she left office 4 years later, 46 percent of her appointees had been women, 15 percent were African-American, and one-fifth were Hispanic. And most importantly, her successors have since followed her example. “New Texas” is now the standard.

Ann Richards blazed a path taken now by women in all corners of society—in the well of the United States Congress and in Governor’s mansions in States like Delaware and Michigan. In corporate boardrooms and in homes all across America. And most of all, at Planned Parenthood, where her daughter Cecile not only carries on her mother’s irreplaceable passion for women’s advancement—she builds on its very foundation. I cannot think of a legacy more fitting than that.

And so, Mr. Speaker, today we thank Ann Richards—for her fight, her tenacity and her special, unwavering sense of purpose.

We should all make such a mark so extraordinary.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO DAVID BAYLESS, SR.

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to David Bayless, Sr., of Denison, TX, a patriot, community leader, and dedicated husband and father, who passed away last December at the age of 80. David’s service to the Denison community spanned 46 years and included significant involvement in a variety of civic endeavors as well as a long and devoted relationship with his alma mater, the University of North Texas.

Born in Denton, TX, David enlisted in the Marine Corps while in college, completed Officer Candidate School in 1945 and served during the Korean conflict. He returned to Texas and became a leader in the Texoma area, serving as a member of the Denison City Council, president of the Denison Rotary Club, first president of the Denison Downtown Association, president of the Denison Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the board of the Texoma Medical Center, just to name a few of his civic affiliations. David also was involved with religious and charitable organizations as an elder of First Christian Church and president of United Way.

David also dedicated tremendous time and expertise to his alma mater. The University of North Texas benefited from his membership in the President’s Council, as well as his time spent as regent from 1991 to 1997, director of the UNT Foundation Board, and first president of his local Alumni Chapter, the Texas Eagles, which he founded.

His years of work and service brought him many honors, including the “Outstanding Citizen” award in 1978 and induction into the Grayson County “Business Hall of Fame” in 1998. In 1991, the University of North Texas honored David as its Outstanding Alumnus, and in 1999 UNT again honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus. David and his wife, Patsy, were honored with a bronze plaque on the “Wall of Honor” in the UNT Alumni Center, and Chestnut Hall, the new student health center at UNT, will name the rotunda in his honor.

David will be missed by family, friends, and all those in Denison and at UNT whose interests he championed through a lifetime of service. He is survived by his wife Patsy and two children, David, Jr., and wife Sharon of Pottsboro, Brandy Hewitt and husband Stephen of McKinney, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, David Bayless, Sr., was a great American and an outstanding civic leader whose legacy of service will be long remembered.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

#### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the International Tax Simplification Act of 2006. This bill is aimed at streamlining tax rules so that American companies doing business all over the world can be more competitive. In the last few years we have taken a number of important steps toward this goal and the bill I am introducing would continue this effort.

In the past one of our former colleagues, Amo Houghton of New York, introduced similar bills. Some of the provisions of this bill echo his legislation and build off of his efforts.

Many of the concepts related to the taxation of international business operations were written forty years ago and have remained frozen in time. The global business environment has changed dramatically since the early 1960s when American companies were the major