

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I was detained during rollcall vote No. 353. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
"BILL" ELKINS, JR.

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

To Eleanor and Family,

I am sorry that I cannot be with you at the home-going services of your dear husband, father, grandfather, and my good friend, Bill.

I join with the many other elected officials and community leaders who mourn his loss. Bill Elkins was well known, respected, and loved by the many who knew, worked with and understood his undying commitment to African Americans in this city.

Bill spent the best part of his years in service to the late great Mayor Tom Bradley. He served as a liaison for Civil Rights Organizations, Ministers, Fraternities and Sororities and elected officials representing Mayor Bradley. Bill was all about equal opportunity and participation by all people. He truly was responsible for keeping the community informed and working closely with ministers helping them to their congregation engaged and helping to solve community problems.

I could share many stories on how we spent countless hours planning, strategizing, organizing and encouraging people to "Get Out the Vote". We don't see that kind of dedication anymore. But for those of us who were fortunate enough to work with him we learned what it meant to be truly committed to the community, he inspired us all.

Eleanor, your sisters in BWF, the organization that you helped to found, stand with at this difficult moment for you and your family. You and the family can rest assured that Bill did more than his share of service in this community. His work is recorded in the history of this city and now it is time for him to rest in peace. He will be sorely missed by so many.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARIAN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of Marian Middle School in St. Louis. Ten years ago, a group of Catholic sisters established Marian Middle School to provide a stable learning environment for economically disadvantaged girls in the St. Louis Public School District.

Marian strives to prepare girls in grades 5 through 8 for a college preparatory high

school education. Marian Middle School is the only all-girl, private school environment available to students in the St. Louis region. This unique resource offers a learning experience that, just 10 years ago, was unavailable to middle-school-aged girls in St. Louis.

Marian Middle School has experienced strong growth since its founding. With a capacity of 80 students, Marian recently relocated to accommodate for its growing enrollment. Marian's resources have also expanded, allowing the school to offer numerous after-school enrichment programs and activities.

Marian strives to provide a challenging curriculum and a balanced range of extra-curricular opportunities. The 10-hour school day certainly challenges students, but it also allows Marian to achieve its goal of educating the whole person.

True to its call to assist the economically-disadvantaged, Marian determines tuition on a case-by-case basis. Tuition at Marian corresponds with the financial situation of the student's family. This method testifies to the generosity and sincerity of the mission of Marian Middle School.

Graduates of Marian Middle School currently attend 10 different college preparatory high schools in St. Louis. On the 10th anniversary of Marian, I think it is appropriate to pay tribute to a unique and successful academic institution.

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**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

For Tuesday, June 8, 2010, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 337 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1061), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 338 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 518).

For Wednesday, June 9, 2010, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote No. 339 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1424), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 340 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1424, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5072), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 341 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 989), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 342 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1178), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 343 (on motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4173), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 344 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1330), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 345 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5278), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 346 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5133).

For Thursday, June 10, 2010, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 347 (on agreeing to the Waters amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 348 (on agreeing to the Garrett amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 349 (on

agreeing to the Price amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 350 (on agreeing to the Turner amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 351 (on agreeing to the Edwards (TX) amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 352 (on agreeing to the Maffei amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 353 (on passage of H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 354 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to S. 3473).

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL  
RYAN M. WELCH

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Ryan M. Welch of Medford, New Jersey and to welcome him home from his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan.

After graduating from Shawnee High School in 2008, Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He completed his basic training at Parris Island in South Carolina and went to Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. In 2009 he was assigned to MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Oahu, Hawaii where he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal. Lance Corporal Welch also received a Meritorious Mast during training exercises at Pohakuloa Training Area in July 2009 for demonstrating outstanding performance of duty during Exercise Lava Viper.

Lance Corporal Welch completed his first deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his deployment he served bravely in combat action during Operation Moshtarak in Marjah, Afghanistan. He served as an Infantry Rifleman in Jump Platoon, Headquarter and Service Company, 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment from Marine Corps Base Hawaii and as security for visiting dignitaries and performed general patrols and security for Nawa District, Hellmand Province in Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, please join me and a grateful nation in welcoming home Lance Corporal Welch. We are eternally thankful to him for his service to our great country.

COMMEMORATING THE 350TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE HOPKINS  
SCHOOL IN NEW HAVEN

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Hopkins School, a co-educational preparatory day school in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut and the third oldest independent school in the United States.

The rich history of Hopkins dates to well before the dawn of our American republic, when Governor Edward Hopkins of the young Colony of Connecticut established America's first charitable trust in 1650. In that trust, he set aside some of his estate for "the breeding up