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Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in the House Chamber today. I would like the Record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollover votes 860, 861, and 862.

THE JOURNAL

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal. Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

NAVY INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST SEANAM T. SCHMALZ

(Mr. TIPTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Navy Intelligence Specialist Seanam T. Schmalz, who serves our country with great honor and pride. Seanam Schmalz has been awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his meritorious achievements during Operation Odyssey Dawn.

Seanam Schmalz served as a United States Africa Command Targets Branch analyst from February to April of 2011, providing in-depth analysis of Libyan targets. During this time he provided over 25 percent of the electronic target folders written by the United States Africa Command and expertly managed the classification, downgrading, and dissemination of over 248 targets.

Additionally, as a Remote Terminal Security Officer, Seanam Schmalz managed new accounts for 15 temporally assigned duty personnel, allowing them to provide immediate support for the mission.

Seanam Schmalz graduated from Montrose High School in Montrose, Colorado, in 2009 before enlisting in the United States Navy. For his critical contributions to the success of Operation Odyssey Dawn, he has been presented with the Joint Service Achievement Medal and is an example to the citizens of Colorado and to the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Intelligence Specialist Seanam T. Schmalz. His courage and selfless efforts on behalf of our country are worthy of our highest respect.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COUGARS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what I like about the University of Houston is, one, many of their campuses are in the 2nd Congressional District, but they believe that a university, as they seek tier one status, is best when they support academic excellence and, of course, athletic excellence.

So I am very pleased today to show this picture of UH students standing in line for the championship game, that the Cougars have managed to have a 12-0 season and now are the Conference USA West Division champions and will play their championship game at Robertson Stadium with one of their opponents.

We’re excited about Cougars. We’re Cougar Red. And we thank Coach Kevin Sumlin for not being interested about where he goes next year but is focused on the kids and the championship.

Coach Kevin, you are the best.

To the leadership and academic leadership of the University of Houston, to all of the students, I want to say to you on the floor of the House, go Cougars. We’re all red about this. We’re excited in the city of Houston for a fine academic institution that cares about their students, that believes in the integrity of the athletic department, and is ready to have outreach to young people. They are going to play on Saturday.

Go Cougars. It’s going to be a great day.