

Daneisha Dominique McGowan, a Georgetown, MS native. She is the granddaughter of Mr. W.C. and Lula Bickham. As an only child, Daneisha was raised in a household that placed education as a top priority. Daneisha has maintained the honor list since entering 9th grade and now she is 12th grade at Crystal Springs High School and still going strong on that list. She has scored exceptionally on all of her state test.

Daneisha strives hard in the classroom and also the community. She is a member of the Drama Club, S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving), Mu Alpha Theta, and serves as president of the 2012–2013 Crystal Springs Mayor's Youth Council. As president of the Mayor's Youth Council, Daneisha has lead her peers in a City-wide voters registration campaign, Anti-Bullying Workshops for children, School Supply Drives, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and Runs, Youth Summits, and much more.

To be only 18 years old, Daneisha has accomplished quite a bit. She is driven by a deep passion for helping others. After high school, Daneisha plans on obtaining a Master's Degree in Business and desires to create a business in the fashion industry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a talented and dedicated student, Ms. Daneisha Dominique McGowan, for her determination in making a difference in her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 25; Wednesday, June 26; Thursday, June 27; and Friday, June 28, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 287 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2383);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 288 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1092);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 289 (on ordering the previous question on H.Res. 274);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 290 (on agreeing to H.Res. 274);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 291 (on agreeing to the Grayson Amendment to H.R. 1613);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 292 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1613 with instructions);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 293 (on passage of H.R. 1613);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 294 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1864);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 295 (on agreeing to the Hastings of Florida Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 296 (on agreeing to the Flores Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 297 (on agreeing to the Cassidy Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 298 (on agreeing to the Rigell Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 299 (on agreeing to the DeFazio Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“no” on rollcall vote No. 300 (on agreeing to the Broun Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 301 (on agreeing to the Grayson Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 302 (on agreeing to the Capps Amendment to H.R. 2231);

“yes” on rollcall vote No. 303 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 2231 with instructions); and

“no” on rollcall vote No. 304 (on passage of H.R. 2231).

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF JIM GRADDON ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Jim Graddon, Police Chief of SeaTac, Washington, on his retirement. Jim has served 39 years in law enforcement, including the past 34 years with the King County Sheriffs Office.

A native of South King County, Chief Graddon is a graduate of Burien's Kennedy High School. His father, Lawrence James Graddon, spent 20 years with the King County Sheriffs Office and retired as a Lieutenant.

After first serving in the Seattle Police Department, Jim joined the King County Sheriffs office. As a Sergeant, he became adjutant to the Chief of the new SeaTac Police Department. He then went on to become co-supervisor of the Sheriffs Office's Major Crimes Unit.

Jim Graddon served as a leader in the task force established to investigate one of the most notorious criminal cases in our nation's history—that involving the Green River Killer. Through his efforts and those of others, the suspect in the case eventually pled guilty to multiple murders, bringing closure to the families and friends of the victims.

Since 2007, Jim has served as a Major in the Sheriffs Office and as the City of SeaTac's Chief of Police. He is also a Commander of the Sheriff's Office Southwest Precinct, which polices unincorporated areas throughout Southwest King County as well as in the cities of Burien and SeaTac. Further, Chief Graddon has supported victims of human trafficking with compassion and led various youth violence prevention efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Police Chief Jim Graddon on his retirement. The city of SeaTac, King County, and our region are extremely grateful for his many years of service keeping our community safe.

THE INTRODUCTION OF “THE APOLLO LUNAR LANDING LEGISLATION ACT”

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, in 1969, led by the late Apollo Astronaut Neil Armstrong, American ingenuity changed history as humanity took a giant leap forward on the surface of the moon. That history, as preserved on the lunar surface, is now in danger, as spacefaring commercial entities and foreign nations begin to achieve the technical capabilities

necessary to land spacecraft on the surface of the moon.

The United States must be proactive in protecting our unique cultural heritage left by the seven *Apollo* lunar landings. I am excited to have introduced H.R. 2617, “the Apollo Lunar Landing Legacy Act,” which would expand and enhance the protection and preservation of the *Apollo* lunar artifacts while providing for greater recognition and public understanding of this achievement for generations to come. I would like to thank EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Ranking Member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for her commitment to the space program and for being an original cosponsor of this bill. It is also significant that we have introduced H.R. 2616, “the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Authorization Act of 2013,” legislation that reauthorizes NASA and ensures the Agency remains a multi-mission agency with a balanced and robust set of core missions in science, aeronautics, space technology, and human space flight and exploration.

The Apollo Lunar Landing Legacy Act will ensure that the scientific data and cultural significance of the *Apollo* artifacts remains unharmed by future lunar landings. This Act will endow the artifacts as a National Historic Park, thereby asserting unquestioned ownership rights over the *Apollo* lunar landing artifacts. The legislation will additionally require the Secretary of the Interior to pursue nominating the historic *Apollo* 11 lunar landing site, where humanity left its first steps on the moon, as a World Heritage Site. The bill builds on the recommendations of the 2011 report, “NASA's Recommendations to Space-Faring Entities: How to Protect and Preserve the Historic and Scientific Value of U.S. Government Lunar Artifacts.”

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, this Act addresses an increasingly important aspect of our cultural heritage that I want to be available for future generations. I hope that all Members will join me in supporting “the Apollo Lunar Landing Legacy Act” by cosponsoring H.R. 2617.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a flight delay and was unable to vote on rollcall No. 305, rollcall No. 306 and rollcall No. 307.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 305, “yea” on rollcall No. 306 and “yea” on rollcall No. 307.

THE INTRODUCTION OF “THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013”

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss H.R. 2616, “the National Aeronautics