

Day on the Hill," which brought local high school students to Capitol Hill to lobby on the behalf of legislation affecting high school students and their local communities. This experience enlightened and exposed young people in learning how their Congress works and inspiring them to move from the sidelines to the frontlines.

During his spare time in the evening and on weekends, Jacob advises and counsels young men in the local community. His selfless efforts did not go unrecognized as the leadership of Nu Sigma Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. voted and honored him as "Mentor of the Year 2010." As an additional testament to Jacob's long and exceptional service, the Free Masons bestowed on him their 33rd Degree, an honorary title granted to those Masons who distinguish themselves.

A native of Beaufort, South Carolina, Jacob graduated from Battery Creek High School and continued his education by earning dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration and Economics from Benedict College and an additional degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Over the years, I had the pleasure of visiting Beaufort, South Carolina and even attending the beautiful Gullah Festival. I was particularly proud to meet and become an honorary member of Jacob's welcoming family. He is truly a loving and dedicated family man—a proud brother, father, and grandfather. Jacob's son, Dexter, and daughter-in-law, Nikita, continue the family tradition of service as members of the U.S. Air Force. His lovely daughter, Mekala, is a high school honor roll student, ROTC member, athlete and dancer, and Jacob's handsome first grandchild, Brice, is the apple of his eye.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, I cannot say enough about how great a member of my staff and family Jacob Gillison was. I will truly miss him, his children, grandson, twin brother Esau, and brothers-in-spirit—Tyson and Glenn—but I wish him continued success in his new position and this exciting, next stage of his outstanding career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "ACCESS TO HEARING HEALTHCARE ACT OF 2014"

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Access to Hearing Healthcare Act of 2014. This important legislation will allow Medicare beneficiaries the option of going directly to a qualified audiologist for hearing and balance diagnostic tests. Medicare presently requires that beneficiaries with hearing loss or balance disorders obtain a physician referral before seeing an audiologist.

This referral requirement differs from other federal health agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Office of Personnel Management, which allow patients to directly access audiologists. Hearing impairment is one of the most common conditions affecting older Americans, with approximately 33 percent of adults aged 60 and over

and 40–50 percent of those aged 75 and over with hearing loss. Hearing loss among senior citizens, if left untreated, can result in isolation and depression.

We need to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries can obtain audiology services in a timely manner. I ask that my colleagues support this important legislation.

HONORING THE GREATER BEACHES VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3270 ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Greater Beaches Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3270.

Created in 1939, Post 3270 is Jacksonville's oldest continuous veterans organization. The First Coast is honored to have such a commendable organization that is committed to serving veterans, military families, and their communities.

The Veterans of Foreign War can trace its roots back to 1898, when the veterans of the Spanish American War and the veterans of the Philippine Insurrection joined forces and founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their members who returned wounded and sick after serving their country. At a time when there was no medical care or pensions, our country's heroes were often left to fend for themselves. As such, these individuals were compelled to do something about it. Taking matters into their own hands, they banded together to form what is now known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Starting out with only three chapters, the Veterans of Foreign War continued to grow over the years with more than 2,000,000 members today. They have been instrumental in establishing the Veteran's Administration, creating the GI Bill for the 20th century, and developing a National Cemetery system.

I am honored to have such brave men and women in the 4th Congressional District of Florida. Not only have they served their country abroad, but they continue to serve their communities at home. Such service deserves praise and I wish them many more years of success. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in this very special congressional salute honoring the Greater Beaches Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3270.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of February 3, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

rollcall No. 32—On final passage of H.R. 1791—"yea";

rollcall No. 33—On final passage of H.R. 357—"yea";

rollcall No. 34—Motion on ordering the previous question on the rule—"nay";

rollcall No. 35—H.Res.470—"nay";

rollcall No. 36—On ordering the previous question on the rule—"nay";

rollcall No. 37—H.Res.472—"nay";

rollcall No. 38—DeFazio Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 39—Holt Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 40—On motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3590—"yea";

rollcall No. 41—On final passage of H.R. 3590—"nay";

rollcall No. 42—Napolitano Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 43—Matsui Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 44—Bera Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 45—Capps Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 46—Huffman Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 47—McNerney Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 48—Peters (CA) Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 49—On the motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3964—"yea";

rollcall No. 50—On final passage of H.R. 3964—"nay";

rollcall No. 51—Grijalva Amendment—"yea";

rollcall No. 52—Labrador Amendment—"nay";

rollcall No. 53—On the motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 2954—"yea";

rollcall No. 54—On final passage of H.R. 2954—"nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall vote No. 60 on an amendment to S. 25 to clarify that the reduction in the cost of living adjustment for military retirees applies only to those members or former members of an armed force who became a member of a uniformed service on or after January 1, 2014. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye" and ask consent that my statement be included in the RECORD.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 56—H. Res. 447—Supporting the democratic and European aspirations of the people of Ukraine, and their right to choose their own future free of intimidation and fear, had I been present, I would have voted "yes";

on rollcall No. 57—JOURNAL—On Approving the Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "yes";

on rollcall No. 58—H. Res. 475—On Ordering the Previous Question, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3193) to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to