VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2014
Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following regarding two missed votes on March 4, 2014.


“Yes” on H. Res. 488, Supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democratic change and calling to end the violence.

ALEXANDER HAY
HON. ED PERLMUTTER OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2014
Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexander Hay for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Alexander Hay is an 11th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexander Hay is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alexander Hay for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING A.H. PARKER HIGH SCHOOL AS ALABAMA’S CLASS 5A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 2014
HON. TERRI A. SEWELL OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2014

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, continuing in the tradition of the “District of Champions,” I rise today to honor the A.H. Parker High School Thundering Herd on winning the 2014 State of Alabama title in the 5A State Basketball Championship—the first state title since 1975. On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, I pay tribute to the Thundering Herd for their exemplary athleticism and teamwork as well as the outstanding leadership of Head Coach Reggie McGary and his coaching staff. We are extremely proud of these young men!

Parker’s championship victory capped off an extraordinary season of 23 wins and 6 losses. Coach McGary credited his team’s success to the leadership of his assistant coach, Randel Smith. According to McGary, Smith’s persistence in stressing the importance of defense was the team’s key to victory. Throughout the championship game, Smith demanded that his defensive players bring their best to the court.

To earn their spot in the championship game, Parker High School dominated their opponents during the Steele City Invitational Tournament last December. The Thundering Herd faced its rival Ramsay High School to clinch the state title on March 1, 2014. During the championship game, the thundering herd played with the same skill and intensity that sustained them throughout the season. The team was not outscored for the entire game. Their consistent ability to defensively shutdown their opponents. Their strategy was no different when they competed for the state title as the Thundering Herd held Ramsey to just six points during the third quarter.

Although the team trailed 23–20 with 2:17 left in the first half, they would not allow their opponent to score again until the end of the third quarter. Senior Marquell Olivier led the team with 24 points, while junior Marquell Olivier led the team with 20 points. The win occurred on the 50th anniversary of the Thundering Herd’s 1964 National Black High School Championship won at Tennessee State University.

As the daughter of a high school basketball coach, I know this decisive victory is the result of the tremendous efforts of both the players and coaching staff of A.H. Parker High School. The exemplify leadership and dedicated support from the coaching staff was a major factor in the success of the Thundering Herd. I commend Head Coach Reggie McGary and assistant coach Randal Smith and I am so proud of all they have accomplished.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Coach McGary and the A.H. Parker High School Boys Basketball Team for their victory in the Class 5A Alabama State Championship. Congratulations! Go Bisons!

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH HEIM HASKELL
HON. ROBERT HURT OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative MORGAN GRIFFITH, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Elizabeth Heim Haskell, who passed away February 11, 2014.

Mrs. Haskell was a pillar in her community and across the Commonwealth. She ran her own environmental consulting firm for nine years and authored many books and articles on the environment. She served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Air Pollution Control Board. She then served as Virginia’s Secretary of Natural Resources under Governor Doug Marshall. She also was a member of the New College Planning Commission and then New College Institute’s Board of Directors, where she promoted her firm’s belief in the important role of higher education in the area’s economy. For her many contributions, particularly her work to further higher education in Southwest Virginia, the Virginia General Assembly named Mrs. Haskell the Outstanding Virginian in 2005.

Elizabeth Haskell exemplified commitment to bettering the lives of all Virginians. She will long be remembered for her distinguished service. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert H. Haskell III, and is survived by her son, Andrew Haskell of Morrisston, N.J.; three grandchildren, Chase Winn Haskell, Catherine Antoinette Haskell, and Harrison Robert Haskell, and her brother, Henry C. Heim of Gig Harbor, Washington.

Congressman GRIFFITH and I note with great sadness the loss of Elizabeth Haskell, a prominent leader in the Martinsville community and all of Virginia.

THE OCCASION OF MAJOR ALEX CROSS’ RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HON. JOHN KLINE OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2014

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Major Alex Cross, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his retirement. My colleagues and I have had the pleasure of working with Major Cross over the past three years, to include his service as part of my congressional staff and later as the Deputy Director of the USMC Liaison Office in the United States House of Representatives.

From his arrival in January of 2011, Major Cross was a valuable member of my legislative team. Major Cross represented the Marine Corps with honor while providing expertise on Marine Corps programs and policies, and advising me on issues ranging from defense authorization to foreign affairs. Major Cross’ work on my personal staff culminated in his recommended changes to Department of Defense recruitment policies signed into law in the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act that resulted in expanded opportunities for students of all educational backgrounds to join the Armed Forces.

From 2012 to 2014, Major Cross served as Deputy Director of the USMC House Liaison Office. During his time in the House Liaison Office, Major Cross planned, led, and executed many of the Marine Corps’ most difficult