

all on that most heroic of all nights  
 Who stood strong, who stood long,  
 ever so bright  
 To see heaven's light  
 Out of the Woods,  
 and into the light  
 The ones who chose to be in harm's way,  
 standing up for what is right  
 Indeed, it is but a special breed,  
 who in the name of public service who will  
 intercede and so fight  
 Whether, an Ambassador, a Diplomat, or  
 Brothers In Arms,  
 who together chose to unite  
**STAND DOWN**  
**HELL NO**  
 Against all odds as into that darkness they'd  
 go  
 Leave no brother behind was how they all  
 lived and so died  
 As their Mothers cried,  
 with tears in their eyes  
 As Heaven them chose,  
 they'd rise  
 In the moment of truth,  
 only the bravest of all hearts so choose to  
 fight  
 While, against all odds,  
 these heroes acted like gods bringing their  
 light  
 All in their creed,  
 showing us what we all need to make this  
 world right  
 Courage and Faith,  
 and unending Conviction to make it a far  
 better place  
 Because minutes are all that we have  
 To make a difference,  
 all in that fight of Good versus Bad  
 It's better to live for something noble,  
 than die for nothing at all  
 As they went into the darkest of Woods,  
 with Strength In Honor one and all  
 Rest  
 Rest, our four American Sons,  
 your battle's over now, it's done,  
 you're out of the Woods and into the light  
 For Heaven holds a place,  
 for all of those men and women of such  
 splendid faith  
 Who to this our world bring their most self-  
 less light  
 Amen

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 490 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

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IN COMMEMORATION OF ARTHUR  
 A. COLLINS' 106TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROD BLUM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the birthday of a true innovator and representative of American ingenuity: Arthur A. Collins. Fascinated and inspired by the invention of the radio, Collins tinkered with home-made antennas and transmitters from an early age at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As a young adult, Arthur turned his hobby into a basement business where he sold the first

complete radio transmitting equipment in the country.

Since its humble beginnings in Iowa in the thirties, the Collins Radio Company evolved and adapted to design and manufacture flight control instruments, first commercially successful data modems, and the communications equipment for the Apollo, Gemini, and Mercury space programs. Today, Rockwell Collins, the largest employer in the First District of Iowa, continues to create innovative technology for both the defense and civilian sectors. The company, still based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, designs, engineers, and builds electronic communication systems, avionics, and in-flight entertainment systems worldwide.

Arthur A. Collins pioneered one of the greatest technological revolutions in history and left an enduring legacy in the business world. Today, on what would have been his 106th birthday, I honor the genius of this great Iowan and celebrate his American success story. Mr. Collins is an amazing example of the American Dream and a testament to the power of hard work, foresight, and perseverance.

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HONORING JULIE CARSON

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilton Manors City Commissioner, Julie Carson and her work with the LGBT community.

Commissioner Carson is being presented with the "Community Partner for Equality" award from Equality Florida for her tireless work for the LGBT community.

In 2010, Carson became the first openly lesbian elected official in Broward County. Throughout her tenure as Commissioner, she has focused on helping the homeless, assisting the elderly, advocating for people living with HIV/AIDS, and supporting the Transgender community. Specifically, she sponsored the Equal Benefits Ordinance and the Broward County Vendor Preference Ordinance, which ensured equal benefits to all married couples. She is also proud of her continued dialogue and collaboration between the Transgender community and the Wilton Manors Police Department.

Outside of her duties as Commissioner, Carson is a free-lance paralegal and a guest lecturer at Florida Atlantic University. She enjoys spending time with her partner Susan and horseback riding in her free time.

I congratulate Commissioner Carson on her award and thank her for all her tremendous work for the South Florida LGBT community. I am proud to represent her in the 22nd District and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 490 I was unable to attend the fol-

lowing vote due to a flight delay from my district in Southwest Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
 CROSLAND, JR.

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Crosland, Jr., who passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2015 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Crosland made a name for himself as a successful real estate developer, but more importantly for his philanthropic work in our community. In 1954, he joined his father at the John Crosland Company. He successfully navigated multiple housing crises through the decades while becoming a champion of affordable housing in the Charlotte area. Additionally, he was the founding chairman of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte.

Throughout his successful career, he always knew the importance of giving back and helping the local community. In 2012, Mr. Crosland gave \$1.1 million for a new school in Charlotte, now named The John Crosland School, that specializes in assisting children with learning disabilities.

His dedication to serving our community has made an everlasting impact on thousands of lives.

He also served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan. I am grateful for his service to our country, our state, and to our local community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life of John Crosland, Jr., for his successful career and for his dedication to bettering the lives of so many North Carolinians.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent passing of a beloved family member, I was unable to cast my vote yesterday for an important piece of legislation. Had I been in the chamber, I would have voted yes on S. 1359, the E-Warranty Act of 2015.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call number 490 on S. 1359, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on September 8, 2015, I was absent for rollcall vote 490. Had I been present for rollcall vote 490, on passage of S. 1359, I would have voted "yes".

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROD BLUM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 490 my flight was unavoidably delayed due to severe weather. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I attended a visitation for Shane Clifton, a St. Paul firefighter who died while on duty, and missed votes on September 8, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the E-Warranty Act of 2015 (S. 1359).

IN HONOR OF "JOHN" ARTHUR J.  
HOWARTH

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere condolences and to honor the memory of "John" Arthur J. Howarth for his achievements, contributions, and service to his community as a loving husband, father, grandfather and pillar of civic engagement.

John Howarth spent his life serving his community for 40 years as an electrician for the International Brothers of Electrical Workers (IBEW), putting the needs of others before his own. John was also active as a member of his local union, serving as Recording Secretary. In addition to imparting the importance of citizenship to his children and grandchildren at an early age, he served as an inspiration to IBEW members. He taught them the value of a day's work and to appreciate life's gifts and opportunities.

John also served as general foreman on some of the largest projects in South Jersey. I had the privilege of working under him on the Garden State Park Race Track. He had a passion for passing on his trade to the next generation and I was privileged to be among the many IBEW members to benefit from his years of experience.

Mr. Speaker, John Howarth was an incredible man, devoted to his family, and dedicated to his community. He leaves behind a great

legacy and I join my IBEW brothers and sisters and the entire state of New Jersey in honoring the achievements and the life of this extraordinary man.

## HONORING SAL ESPOSITO

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sal Esposito of Plantation, Florida, who turned 100 years old on August 27, 2015.

Mr. Esposito moved to the 22nd District in 1980 from New York. Before moving to South Florida, he proudly served in the military and was overseas for nearly three years during World War II. He worked in a factory making tools and dies for 45 years.

Mr. Esposito still works with machinery and tools in the Lauderdale West Community. He helps to make toys for children for the Plantation Historical Museum. He also enjoys playing tennis, playing cards, and performing in shows.

I thank Mr. Esposito for his service to our country and wish him many happy and healthy years to come.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, I was not present due to a medical procedure and missed the following vote:

Roll Call Vote 490, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3154—S. 1359, The E-Warranty Act of 2015. I would have voted "aye."

## TRIBUTE TO MARILYNN THANNEY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Marilynn Thanney on her retirement. Ms. Thanney has served the 4th Congressional District for over 18 years. She has served in various positions during her tenure including Office Manager, Caseworker, Casework Supervisor and currently Casework Manager for my office.

Marilynn began her employment with the House of Representatives in 1998 beginning in the office of my predecessor Representative Gerald Kleczka. She joined my office in 2005. She was one of my first hires due to her welcoming spirit and knowledge of the district. Before joining federal employment, Ms. Thanney spent six years working for the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center and she also worked for the Better Business Bureau in their Milwaukee office.

Marilynn Thanney is the proud mother of four, three daughters: Jennifer, Rachel, and

Rebecca and son Joshua. She is the grandmother of 3: Makayla, Jackson, and Noah; they all reside in Minnesota where she will retire. She has been married to her soulmate Karen Mahler for over 15 years and was officially married to Karen in April 2014 in a ceremony held in Minnesota.

Marilynn has worked tirelessly on behalf of the constituents of the 4th Congressional District; she has tackled some of the most difficult problems and cases with many positive results. She is an exceptional leader and has been an advocate on issues regarding mental health, women, seniors, LGBT, and the disability community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues of the 114th Congress to join me in congratulating Marilynn Thanney on her well-deserved retirement. She has been a true friend to her colleagues and friends and has exemplified in deed the true meaning of public servant. She has been a treasure for the 4th Congressional District and will be missed by my office, this community and the State of Wisconsin.

HONORING JOSEPHINE DEFINA  
STETSON**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Josephine DeFina Stetson for her work in the U.S. Army War Department.

Josephine was born in New York City to Pasqual and Antoinette DeSimon, as the youngest of eight children. From a young age, Josephine had a passion for dance, a talent which led her to teach soldiers how to dance as a volunteer for the USO.

Josephine served as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army War Department for four years, developing flow charts illustrating the organizational structures of various commands.

After working for the Army, Josephine began selling real estate in the Palm Beaches, opening her own firm in 1973. She was consistently ranked one of the top firms in the area and the nation. Josephine is an enthusiastic member of the Palm Beach community, serving on the Palm Beach Board of Realtors for many years and as a longtime member and parishioner of the St. Edward's Church guild.

In honor of her years of commitment to her country and dedication to her community, I'm pleased to recognize Mrs. Josephine DeFina Stetson and thank her for her service.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPALACHIAN  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2015*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize an organization that has had a huge impact on rural areas of my District and the State of Tennessee.

The Appalachian Electric Cooperative is celebrating its 75th anniversary during its annual meeting on September 26th in White