

Gene Jones (Washington and Lee HS),
Jordan Randle (St. Stephens/St. Agnes
School),
Madalyn Peyton (Loudoun County HS),
Simone Smith (South Lakes HS),
Stefan Carter (Potomac Falls HS).

Mr. Speaker, these students represent our country's next generation of gifted leaders who will have great impact on our society and future. I thank the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Education Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their dedicated commitment to fostering success in our youth and commend all of the scholarship winners for their academic excellence. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these talented students and in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on June 21, 2016, my flight was delayed and I was unable to vote on H.R. 5525, H.R. 5388 and H.R. 5389.

If present, I would have voted "No" on H.R. 5525, and "yea" on H.R. 5388 and H.R. 5389.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR MARISA PACE

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to pay tribute to Major Marisa Pace for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Liaison for the Chief of Army Reserve. In that role, she managed the Appropriations Portfolio for the Army Reserve. I am grateful that she will continue to serve the Army and Congress in her new assignment as Plans Officer for the 1179th Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Fort Hamilton, New York. I know we all wish her well in her new position.

A native of Woodside, New York, Major Pace graduated from West Point in June of 2001 and was commissioned into the Transportation Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant. In the course of her career, she also earned a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from The George Washington University.

Major Pace has served in a broad range of assignments during her 15 years of service as an officer in the United States Army. Prior to moving to the Army Congressional Liaison Office in 2011, she was assigned to Headquarters Army, G-4 (Logistics) as the Executive Officer for the Director of the Transportation and Distribution Directorate. She deployed in 2003 as a Platoon Leader with 68th Transportation Company, 28th Transportation Battalion, Mannheim, Germany and again in 2005 as the Plans and Training Officer for 37th Transportation Brigade out of Kaiserslautern, Germany. Major Pace's other assignments include Osan Airbase, Korea,

where she served as the Officer In Charge of the Movement Control Team from 2001–2002 and Germany, where she served as a Platoon Leader in 28th Transportation Battalion and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Executive Officer and Training Officer for 37th Transportation Brigade.

Her service in the Army Reserve is highlighted by her selection in 2012 to serve as an Army Congressional Fellow. While assigned to the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve from 2012 to 2016, Major Pace spent a year representing the Army to the Congress by working in the office of Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA). In this role, Major Pace served as policy advisor on all matters relating to defense and national security. After this, she served as a legislative liaison in the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve. In this capacity, Major Pace directly represented the Chief of Army Reserve to the Senate and House appropriations committees to educate and inform Senators, Representatives, and staff on critical Army Reserve funding issues.

Major Pace grew accustomed to living so far from family during her time in the Army. So let me also acknowledge her parents, Paul and Renee Pace, her sisters Megan Pace and Michele Pace-Holthusen, her brother Paul Pace Jr. and her in-laws John Holthusen, Micky Harris and Janine Accardi for their unwavering love and support. I thank them for their sacrifices as well and wish them all the best for continued success in the future.

Throughout her 15 year career, Major Marisa Pace has made positive impacts on the careers and lives of her soldiers, peers, and superiors, and I am grateful that she has chosen to continue to serve back in our home state of New York. I join my colleagues today in honoring her dedication to our Nation and invaluable service to the United States Congress as an Army congressional liaison.

COMMEMORATING THE 66TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a very significant event in our nation's history during which 1.8 million American men and women courageously served to defend freedom and liberty. June 25th of this year marks the 66th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. As a veteran who almost died fighting in Korea, I would like to pay tribute to my comrades-in-arms and all those who never made it home.

I thank Ambassador Ahn Ho-Young of the Republic of Korea and his Government for continually expressing gratitude to the Korean War veterans. He and his predecessors have annually honored the sacrifices through the wreath-laying ceremony at the National Korean War Veterans Memorial. Through this commemoration, they have paid respect to our service members who went to a country they never knew, for people they never met, for the pursuit of democracy on the Korean peninsula and around the world. I also applaud over two million Korean Americans who are flourishing across the nation and have never ceased to express their appreciation to the Korean War veterans community.

I am proud to have worked with my colleagues Representatives SAM JOHNSON and JOHN CONYERS, two other remaining veterans of the Korean War in Congress, to champion many bills that will cement the legacy of the Korean War veterans. Most recently, we sponsored H.R. 1475, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015, which passed in the House. The Wall pays tribute to those who were killed in action, wounded, or listed as missing from the Korean War. The Wall serves as a reminder that America will never forget those who serve to promote and defend international security, economic prosperity, and peace.

Mr. Speaker, our nation has a responsibility to make sure that we honor the members of the United States Armed Forces who served alongside the Republic of Korea and twenty other Allied nations. We have a responsibility to remember the 36,573 American lives and the 103,000 wounded to preserve the legacy of our Forgotten Victory. We have a responsibility to make sure we do not forget our men and women who sacrificed to defend the freedoms we enjoy.

Since the Korean War, the United States and the Republic of Korea have established an enduring friendship with shared interests, such as denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, combatting aggression abroad, and strengthening our economies. It is with great pride that I have witnessed Korea rise to become an influential, international leader out of ashes of war. Its rapid and successful transformation testifies to the victorious efforts of our veterans.

The Korean War must never again be called the Forgotten War and the American people must never forget our heroes.

HONORING MS. MARINA TORRES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Marina Torres who is being honored by the Calistoga Associated Teachers upon her retirement after 35 years of service to Calistoga Elementary School and our Calistoga community.

Ms. Torres, a native of Monterey Park, California, earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees. One from the University of California at Santa Barbara for Combined Social Sciences in 1979 and one from Sonoma State University for Latino Studies with a minor in Children's Literature in 1981.

Throughout her long tenure as a teacher at Calistoga Elementary, Ms. Torres has been a dedicated mentor to her students and a pioneer in bilingual education for young children. In fact, Ms. Torres was the first Latina teacher hired by the Calistoga Joint Unified School District in 1981. She translated her academic and personal background into a passion for educating students about living in a culturally diverse community.

Ms. Torres launched the Student Advocate Program in 1987 to address the needs of students in crisis and was inducted into the "Who's Who of American Teachers" in 1995 for her innovative teaching and dedication to her students' needs. Ms. Torres shares her