

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2016, on Roll Call Number 496 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 847, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 847.

On September 12, 2016, on Roll Call Number 497 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 835, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt a national policy for technology to promote consumers' access to financial tools and online commerce to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 835.

## IN HONOR OF JO BARTON

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jo Clough Barton. Jo died peacefully, surrounded by her family, in her home in Annapolis, Maryland on August 3, 2016. She was 85 years old.

Born Martha Jo Clough on March 19, 1931 to Sara Jo and Arthur Clough in Oklahoma City, she attended Edgemere Elementary School before her family moved to Ardmore, OK in 1941. She graduated from Ardmore High School in 1949 and then attended the University of Oklahoma where she met and married her husband Gerald (Jerry) Barton. She attended and graduated second in her class from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1955 and was admitted to the prestigious honor society, the Order of Coif. She was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1955.

Jo practiced law in Oklahoma from 1958 to 1968 for the firm Mosteller, Andrews, Mosberg (now Andrews, Davis) and later opened an independent book store in the Avondale Shopping Center. She was a volunteer at Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity at OU, mentoring many young women. She also volunteered in many of her children's activities and at their school. An ardent Democrat, she championed liberal causes and raised money for progressive candidates throughout her life.

She and Jerry later moved to Big Sur, CA where she served as president of the Carmel Bach Festival, on the board of Hospice of the Monterey Peninsula and opened a children's clothing store called Nana's. She moved to Annapolis, MD in 2015 to be close to her children.

She is survived by her children, Joann Vaughan, Doug Barton and Martha Doherty,

all of Annapolis MD; her grandchildren; Barton Vaughan, Elizabeth Vaughan, Christopher Austin, Robert Vaughan, Sam Barton, Alison Doherty, Caroline Vaughan Kreutzer, Sarah Doherty, Kylee Barton and Harrison Barton; and two great granddaughters; Georgina Vaughan and Caroline Vaughan.

We honor and remember Jo's memory by opening a wonderful bottle of wine and cooking a favorite meal. "Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you . . . loved you so—'twas Heaven here with you."—Isla Paschal Richardson

**TEXAS RANGER—LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS****HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1839 and thousands of families were looking to settle new lands for their families across the prairies and for the Ross family, Texas was where they chose to raise their young children. Lawrence Sullivan Ross was still an infant when they moved to Texas, and he grew up seeing just how wild the land of this fledgling nation was. He was only eleven when he was involved in his first Indian fight, and through the years helped his father protect the area around Waco from attacks. Though he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become an Indian fighter, as a young man he realized the need for an education and enrolled at Baylor University.

After graduation, he joined the Texas Rangers and quickly won favor among many of his superiors, including the governor of Texas, Sam Houston. Houston gave Ross the authority to raise a small militia and Ross spent the next several years fighting against Comanche raiding parties. He only halted his service when the Civil War broke out. He fought in the Sixth Texas Cavalry division and was promoted to brigadier general in 1863, and began commanding the Texas Cavalry Brigade (later called "Ross's Brigade.")

While his health suffered during the war, Ross's desire to serve the state that he loved stayed as strong as ever. So instead of continuing to fight, his friends convinced him to run for public office. He served in the Senate for a full term, but later found that state politics were more agreeable with him, and ran for governor. Working hard to serve those around him, people would later describe his terms in office as "one of good will and harmony." But it wasn't until he left office that he started doing what he considered his greatest public service. After his last term finished as governor, he stepped right into his role as the new president of the small, failing Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Through his leadership the school was able to start growing again, and many new buildings were added on. Today that college enjoys its status as a world-class school, and goes by the name of Texas A&M University. He passed away during his tenure as president in the then-small town of College Station.

His love for the people of Texas was evident in all that he did. Whether it in the armed forces, up here on Capitol Hill, or paving the

way for Texas's next generation, he was always striving to serve his community. Mr. Speaker, I hope that every one of us here, regardless of our party or political stance, would take after his example, always viewing our time here as an opportunity to serve the great people of this nation.

And that's just the way it is.

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**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on September 13, 2016, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted NO on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5620, NO on H. Res. 859, NO on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3590, and NO on H. Res. 858. Also, I would have voted NO on final passage of H.R. 3590, YES on final passage of H.R. 5587, and YES on H. Res. 729.

**POLICE LIEUTENANT GARY TOLDNESS****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Federal Heights Police Lieutenant Gary Toldness for his decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado. For more than forty years, Lieutenant Toldness has been active within the community and the police department serving constituents of Federal Heights.

Lieutenant Toldness started his career in 1976 as a reserve police officer at the Federal Heights Police Department (FHPD). From there he served in various parts of the department including Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Commander. He worked his way up through the Department serving as the Federal Heights Police Department public information officer, the FHPD SWAT team where he served both as a sniper and the Commander, and as the first supervisor of the 17th Judicial District Critical Incident Team. His hard work and dedication each and every day to making the community of Federal Heights a great place to live and work demonstrates his exemplary work as a police officer.

I extend my deepest thanks to Lieutenant Toldness for his dedication and service to the Federal Heights community.

## TRIBUTE TO JAN FRANK-DE OIS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jan