

TRIBUTE TO DARYL BUSCH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County, California, are exceptional. Last month, Daryl Busch completed his service on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority ("Metrolink"). He began his service on the Board in January of 2005 and served as Vice Chair between the years of 2015 and 2016.

Daryl Busch brought valuable expertise to the Board through his service as Mayor of the City of Perris and commissioner of the Riverside County Transportation Commission. Daryl ushered in a new era of service that included a fourteen percent service expansion, the introduction of express trains, bike cars, quiet cars, service to sporting events throughout the region, and increased coordination with other regional transit providers including airports. During Daryl's service at Metrolink, major capital projects were pursued including the procurement of the Guardian Fleet, the new Tier 4 locomotives, development of the Ground Power Plug-In program, Positive Train Control and Perris Valley Line Expansion.

Daryl brought a tremendous amount of passion and enthusiasm to the agency, as he helped increase ridership on Metrolink, resulting in reductions in traffic congestion and air emissions, and providing Southern California commuters with a safe, reliable, efficient, and cost-effective means to travel. Daryl also helped institute an enhanced safety culture at Metrolink; he was essential to the implementation of lifesaving equipment onboard Metrolink trains such as crash energy management technology and inward and outward facing cameras.

I have had the privilege of knowing Daryl Busch for many years. Daryl's contributions to the Metrolink system have generated an admirable legacy as well as many friends and colleagues that will miss him. I applaud Daryl's service and I will truly miss working with him. His service and his achievements will have a longstanding and truly positive impact on our community.

FAIR RATEPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 587, the Fair Ratepayer Accountability, Transparency, and Efficiency Standards Act (Fair RATES Act), which amends the Federal Power Act to permit administrative and judicial review of any rate change filed by a public utility that takes effect without the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The need for this change became evident in the wake of a New England Forward Capacity Market Auction in 2014, which occurred at a time when FERC only had 4 Commissioners.

When the New England Forward Capacity Market Auction issue was addressed by FERC, the Commissioners split evenly over the question of whether the auction results were just and reasonable.

Since FERC did not disapprove the auction results, wholesale electricity prices in New England increased dramatically.

So, while rates went up, none of the affected parties could challenge the decision or resulting rate increase, and, therefore, no rehearing or judicial review was possible.

H.R. 587 provides those who want to challenge a similar rulings or non-decisions by FERC the ability to challenge the decision administratively or in the courts.

The bill ensures that stakeholders have recourse when a non-decision by FERC has very real consequences for consumers, producers and others.

This bill would also improve the process by which FERC votes are reconsidered.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 587.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, on Friday February 3, 2017, I was unable to vote on roll call vote No. 78: Passage of H.J. Res. 36, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation, Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING RAND ROWLAND

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work of a Georgia Tech basketball player. Rand Rowland started on the team as a walk-on, but recently received a scholarship to play basketball for his final semester.

Rand arrived at Georgia Tech from White County High School in Northeast Georgia in 2013, and spent most of his college career as a practice player with the Yellow Jackets. Recognized by head coach Josh Pastner as a "phenomenal young man," Rand worked constantly with the team to improve its overall performance in any way that he could—even as a practice partner. His commitment to the team did not go unnoticed.

Assistant coach Eric Reveno said in regards to the decision to award Rand the scholarship, "What we do as basketball coaches isn't always fair, the right guys don't get rewarded all the time, it's nice when the right things do happen."

Rand earned his business degree in December, and is now beginning a second degree in the School of History and Sociology, hoping to become a college basketball coach himself, one day.

Currently, Rand's main focus is working on the scouting team. During his college career, he has played in nine games, for a total of 19 minutes, and he's still working to score his first career points for the Jackets. On and off the court, Rand has been made a valuable asset to his team. I congratulate Rand on receiving this scholarship at Georgia Tech, which he has said encourages him to follow his dreams and become a coach.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the diligence and dedication this young man has shown to his team and to his dream. Rand is a role model for fellow students and team members, and a source of pride for Northeast Georgia.

RECOGNIZING THE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. VAL MCWHORTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Val McWhorter, for his inclusion in the 23rd edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the practice areas of Arbitration, Construction Law, and Mediation, and for his designation as the 2017 Lawyer of the Year in the practice area of Construction Law in Washington, D.C. A testament to his standing in the field of Construction Law, these well-deserved honors were awarded to Mr. McWhorter on the basis of high praise and feedback from both his peers and clients alike. Such acclamations of Mr. McWhorter's work should come as no surprise, given the more than \$500,000,000 he has recovered on behalf of his clients in state and federal court, mediations, and private negotiations.

Additionally, I want to congratulate Mr. McWhorter on the 25th anniversary of his induction into The Moles Organization, a national organization of individuals involved in the completion of heavy construction projects, including tunnels, bridges, highways, and dams. Founded in 1936, The Moles Organization is a respected institution whose members represent the best of American industry. First elected to membership in 1991, Mr. McWhorter's commitment to The Moles Organization led to his appointments last year to both the Publicity Committee and the Award Committee. Mr. McWhorter's longtime membership, and his recent leadership, in this esteemed organization deserve much recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Val McWhorter on his remarkable achievements, and in thanking him for his years of contribution to the practice of Construction Law in the Washington, D.C. region.

TRIBUTE TO NATASHA JOHNSON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community

of Lake Elsinore in Riverside County, California are exceptional. On Saturday, February 11, 2017 Natasha Johnson will be honored as the Citizen of the Year by the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce.

Natasha is a manager of a local credit union and a strong advocate for Lake Elsinore. In 2012, Natasha was elected to the Lake Elsinore City Council, where she continues to serve after being re-elected in 2016. As an elected official, Natasha has worked tirelessly to establish a more sustainable economic development base in Lake Elsinore to create more jobs and demonstrate that our community is a great place for families to live, work and play.

Natasha has served our region through her participation in organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, H.O.P.E., Operation Homefront, and New Song. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Elsinore Woman's Club, Boy Scout Advisory, and United Way. Natasha is also a past President for the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce.

In light of all that Natasha has done for the community of Riverside County and the city of Lake Elsinore, it is only fitting to honor her as Citizen of the Year. Natasha has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and a constituent of the 42nd Congressional District of California. I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Natasha Johnson on being named Citizen of the Year by the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 423, ANTI-SPOOFING ACT OF 2017

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of H.R. 423, the Anti-Spoofing Act of 2017, which amends the Communications Act of 1934, to make it unlawful to cause a caller identification service to knowingly transmit inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to:

- defraud,
- cause harm, or
- wrongfully obtain anything of value.

Spoofing is a practice in which a phone number shown on a phone or caller identification device deliberately is falsified.

Spoofing is a commonly used tool for a number of illegal practices, including “phishing” for personal information and “swatting”—calling in a fictitious crime in progress in order to generate a police response.

The Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009 prohibits spoofing of voice caller identification information. However, as communications methods and consumer habits continue to evolve, so do the attempts by third parties to gain personal information for criminal use.

Many Americans now rely on text messaging to stay connected.

According to CTIA, in 2015, Americans sent over 156 billion text messages per month.

H.R. 423, the Anti-Spoofing Act, will extend the provisions of the Truth in Caller ID Act to include text messaging and text messaging services.

The legislation adds a definition of “spoofing service” to the statute, addressing the growth of services that allows a user to knowingly transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information.

In addition, it extends the prohibitions to any person or service placing an international call to a recipient within the United States.

Additionally, H.R. 423 will revise the definitions of “caller identification information” and “caller identification service” to include text messages sent using a text messaging service.

It defines “text message” as real-time messages consisting of text, images, sounds, or other information transmitted from or received by a device identified by a telephone number.

It also includes in the definition both, real-time and two-way voice or video communications, addressing the emerging law enforcement issue of “swatting” by which people can purposefully misdirect valuable, police efforts and resources.

This bill takes the right approach targeting behavior, while protecting innovations that are important to the digital economy.

As the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, I understand the vital need to safeguard against caller identification spoofing.

For example, women's abuse shelters and law enforcement officers working undercover have a need to protect their clients' identities.

This bill seeks to target those who have the intent to cause harm or commit a crime.

I support this legislation because it protects the consumer from criminal behavior, while protecting our fundamental right to privacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, on the Legislative Day of January 30, 2017, a series of votes were held. Had I been present for the last of these roll call votes, I would have cast the following vote:

Roll Call 67—I vote YES.

RECOGNIZE ALONZO BRANTLEY SAILORS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a respected member of the Gainesville, Georgia community, Alonzo Brantley Sailors, Jr., who passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on January 23. He chose to dedicate his life to service within his community and to our country.

A.B., as his friends and family called him, was born on December 29, 1933. He graduated from Gainesville High School in 1954, where he lettered in football, basketball, and track. After graduation, A.B. enlisted in the draft and served our country for two years in West Berlin, where he spent 21 months stationed as a medic for the United States Army.

After returning home from WWII, he pursued ways to invest in his local community.

In 1981, he graduated from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. A.B. then returned to his hometown and joined the Gainesville Fire Department, where he worked for 34 years. This is especially significant to me, as I was honored to serve as chaplain of the Gainesville Fire Department.

In the community, A.B. enjoyed coaching the local junior football team and was a big supporter of Gainesville sports. He was known as a mentor to many young men within the community, and especially in the fire department. His friends and colleagues nicknamed him “Old Dad” and “The Storyteller” because of the presence he had in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the service that Alonzo Brantley Sailors has dedicated to his country and community. He was a loving husband, father, and friend and is a great representation of the people of northeast Georgia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUISE B. GABRIEL

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Louise B. Gabriel—mother, grandmother, wife, philanthropist, author, and visionary—who passed away on January 10, 2017.

Louise lived her life to the fullest with great passion, humor, love and dedication to community. Born in Detroit, Michigan, she was one of eleven children. At the age of five, her family lost their farm in a fire, taking with it all of her family's possessions and cherished mementos. It was this experience of loss that instilled in Louise a desire to preserve history.

In 1946, she married Bob Gabriel, an Officer in the United States Navy. Together, they moved to West Los Angeles, and eventually made their home in Santa Monica, a community with “the ocean and palm trees,” that Louise loved. Together, the couple celebrated 60 years of marriage and worked to support the City of Santa Monica.

Louise Gabriel was a champion of local Santa Monica history, and dedicated her life to preserving the community's unique background. With her husband Bob, Louise helped bring the Santa Monica History Museum to life, an institution dedicated to the preservation of the history, art and culture of the Santa Monica Bay Area. For 27 years, Louise served as the museum's President and helped find the permanent home that it still resides in today. With the museum, Louise left a legacy that will live on for future generations to enjoy as they learn about the history of the Santa Monica Bay Area.

Louise overcame tremendous obstacles in her life without complaint by taking life one day at a time. As she was famous for saying, “I cried about having no shoes until I saw someone with no feet,” a motto her family continues to live by. She is survived by her children Susan Gabriel Potter, Robb Gabriel, Sharyl Gabriel Szydluk, her sisters Josephine Van Buren and Elaine Bruner, her sons-in-law Pat Potter and Joseph Szydluk, her grandchildren, and her many nieces and nephews.