

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 Szydlak, her sisters Josephine Van Buren and Elaine Bruner, her sons-in-law Pat Potter and Joseph Szydlak, her grandchildren, and her many nieces and nephews.