

on H.R. 1301, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (Roll Call 139). I oppose H.R. 1301, and my vote should be recorded as NAY.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MASTER POLICE OFFICER EDWARD B. ASHWORTH

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Police Officer Edward B. Ashworth for his 28 years of dedicated service to our community.

Growing up in Kannapolis, North Carolina, Officer Ashworth has always had a profound sense of duty to his community and fellow man. In 1989, he began his career of public service as a Patrol Officer for the Kannapolis Police Department. Twenty years later, he was transferred to the newly restructured Traffic Unit where he continued his service for the rest of his career.

Throughout his career, Officer Ashworth has exhibited a deep dedication to this community and we are fortunate to have had him as a leader for all these years. His accomplishments during his time on the force include being named the St. John's Grange Number 729 Officer of the Year in 2013 and the Rowan Optimist Officer of the Year in 2014. Furthermore, he has earned several certifications as an instructor and holds an Advanced Law Enforcement certificate from the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Officer Ashworth has also remained an active member of the community outside of his career by volunteering his time to give back to others. A member of the Piedmont Baptist Church, Officer Ashworth dedicates his time to helping the less fortunate through their missions program. He is a man of principled values and strong faith who continues to embody the true meaning of public service. It is my hope that Officer Ashworth will enjoy his retirement and remain a role model for all of those he has helped over the years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of Master Police Officer Edward B. Ashworth for his service to our community and wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAY H. HIND

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional community leader and outstanding citizen, Ms. Kay H. Hind, on the occasion of her retirement from the SOWEGA Council on Aging in Albany, Georgia on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Kay Hind was born in Albany, Georgia. She attended Georgia Southwestern College (now

University) in Americus, Georgia before transferring to the University of Georgia, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1951. She then worked as a Home Economist Extension Agent in Crawford County and Lee County, Georgia.

Since 1967, Ms. Hind has served as Executive Director of the SOWEGA Council on Aging, leading the organization for 49 of the 50 years it has been in operation. It was established to promote the well-being and independence of older and disabled people in the Southwest Georgia area. The Council started out with an \$8,000 budget, one employee, and one volunteer. Under Ms. Hind's leadership, the agency has been designated as an Area Agency on Aging by the state and expanded into a \$6 million operation with more than 20 programs. It serves more than 25,000 seniors per year and offers information and resources to 67,000 seniors living in fourteen counties in Southwest Georgia.

In 2014, the SOWEGA Council on Aging opened a new Senior Center and Agency Office in Albany, fulfilling Ms. Hind's longtime vision. Prior to the construction of the building, the agency operated out of five old buildings spread out across town. This 45,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility allowed the agency to streamline operations, increase visibility in the community, and serve more seniors with new programs, including educational programs, computer classes, arts and craft courses, exercise programs, a fitness center, and more. In recognition of Ms. Hind's work and advocacy for seniors in the community, the Kay H. Hind Senior Life Enrichment Center was named after her, further cementing her great legacy.

Ms. Hind is a familiar face around Albany, where she is an active member of the community. She has served in leadership roles for many professional and civic organizations, including the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging; National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Southern Gerontological Society; and the Albany Hospice Board, among others. She is also a member of First United Methodist Church and Kiwanis Club, to name a few. She has been appointed as delegate to the White House Council on Aging several times and was honored by Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal with the Servant's Heart Award, which recognizes individuals dedicated to helping others. Ms. Hind has received numerous other awards and accolades for her work.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Not only has Ms. Hind established a legacy in fighting to improve the quality of life for seniors, but she has also done a tremendous job of giving back to the great city of Albany, and I am very grateful for her tireless advocacy to make the community stronger. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise in her field are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others, especially seniors, one of the most vulnerable populations, is what has made her life's work truly special.

On a personal note, I have been blessed to know Kay Hind for many years and I can say without reservation that she is one of the most passionate and warmhearted individuals with whom I have had the pleasure of working. Although we will miss her leadership with the SOWEGA Council on Aging, we are consoled

knowing that this will only free up more time for her to continue to be involved in the community and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Kay Hind upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career spanning nearly five decades with the SOWEGA Council on Aging.

SOUTH CAROLINA WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise as dean of the South Carolina congressional delegation to recognize and honor the South Carolina Washington Semester Program for 25 years of offering outstanding young people from South Carolina colleges and universities the opportunity to come to Washington, D.C. to learn and serve. Each office in the delegation has benefitted from involvement with these students, who work for us in internships during the business day and earn college credits at night. The program was founded to ensure that South Carolina congressional offices had access to talented South Carolina students. These students have proven to be some of the brightest and most engaged to ever serve in our offices over the past quarter century.

The students are chosen competitively from statewide interviews and come to Washington for the academic semester. They work full time, five days a week, in placements consistent with their academic and career interests. While administered by the South Carolina Honors College, this is truly a statewide program and is larger than a single school. Over the years, high achieving students from The Citadel, South Carolina State University, University of South Carolina Lancaster, College of Charleston, University of South Carolina Aiken, Clemson University, Lander University, Winthrop University, Coastal Carolina University, Wofford College, Francis Marion University, Charleston Southern University, Claflin University, University of South Carolina Upstate, and University of South Carolina Columbia have participated. Over 25 years, more than 500 students have participated in the program.

In addition to each office in the delegation, Senators LINDSEY GRAHAM and TIM SCOTT and my colleagues MARK SANFORD, JOE WILSON, JEFF DUNCAN, TREY GOWDY, and TOM RICE, over its 25 years the program has been utilized by our predecessors as well. South Carolina Washington Semester Program students have served Strom Thurmond, Fritz Hollings, Jim DeMint, Arthur Ravenel, Henry Brown, Floyd Spence, Butler Derrick, Gresham Barrett, Liz Patterson, Bob Inglis, John Spratt, Robin Tallon, and Mick Mulvaney.

South Carolina Washington Semester Program students have also served in over 88 governmental, non-profit, and private sector agencies such as the White House, CNN, C-SPAN, United States Supreme Court, Departments of Justice, Commerce, Homeland Security, Education, State, Health and Human