

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 27, 2017, I was absent from the House and missed roll call votes 195 through 196.

Had I been present for roll call 195, a vote on H.R. 1117, a measure to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for roll call 196, a vote on H.R. 654, The Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2017, I would have voted "Aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal matter, I missed the following votes on Monday, March 27, 2017:

Roll Call Vote No. 195: To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA".

Roll Call Vote No. 196: Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA".

IN HONOR OF WALTER HARRISON

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the entire Connecticut delegation to recognize a dedicated leader, respected academic, and a dear friend, Walter Harrison, on his retirement as the President of the University of Hartford. His retirement marks the end of 19 years of an incredibly successful term as President and the end of an era at the University.

A graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Walt began his career of service and experience in higher education, receiving his Masters from the University of Michigan and went on to serve for three years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He then completed a doctorate at the University of California-Davis and worked in the administrations of Colorado College and the University of Michigan before joining the University of Hartford.

Walter Harrison played a critical role in revitalizing the University of Hartford after he became President in 1998. Under his guidance, the University increased and diversified its enrollment, financial stability and academic performance. During the time that Mr. Harrison served as President, the University of Hartford renovated dorms, dining halls and athletic facilities to completely change and modernize the campus. New undergraduate and graduate academic programs were added in science, technology and the fine arts. Undergraduate enrollment increased by 20 percent. His genuine affinity for students and his authentic concern were evident every time I walked the campus with him.

Walter has also been an engaged leader for the city of Hartford. He serves on multiple boards in the area including on the boards of Saint Francis Hospital and the MetroHartford Alliance. He is one of the founders of the Connecticut Science Center and a past president of Hartford Stage. Walter made engagement with the city a priority of his tenure, and was involved in the effort to incorporate Hartford public schools into the campus of the University, resulting in the University of Hartford Magnet School and the University High School of Science and Engineering. Walter also played a key role in reforming the NCAA and was recognized by his peers for his outstanding leadership.

What I admire most about Walt is the easy manner and grace in which he engages students, faculty, and the greater community the University serves. His humanity and well-rounded nature makes him a man for all seasons: cultured, passionate, affable, and witty, truly a Renaissance man. He is just as comfortable at Augie and Rays as he is at Hartford Stage; talking sports, politics, or theater. I have valued our friendship, admired his leadership and academic acumen, and consider myself a better person having benefitted from our relationship and his wisdom.

Walt will be truly missed at the University of Hartford. His vision and leadership have shaped the University into the institution it is today, and I am proud to call him a friend. The word retirement doesn't become him; he is too committed and essential to the heartbeat of life to retire. He will simply engage. The entire CT delegation joins in thanking him for his service to the University and the city of Hartford.

To paraphrase George Barnard Shaw, Walt has been a splendid torch that has burned brightly for the University and now he is handing it off to the next generation.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF WAUSAU-AREA TRAGEDY

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it's with a heavy heart that I rise today to recognize the loss of

four members of our greater Wausau community. It was last week that four lives were taken from us all too early.

Karen Barclay was warm and caring to everyone around her. At Marathon Savings Bank, she made sure that no child left the bank without a lollipop.

Dianne Look, known as 'Dee-Dee,' celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary last month. Dianne loved to make jewelry; raising money for the American Cancer Society.

Sara Quirt-Sann had an infectious laugh and ran her own law practice. She proudly served as a Guardian ad Litem for kids in our community.

We also lost Detective Jason Weiland of the Everest Metro Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty. Serving 18 years in what was described as his 'dream job,' Detective Weiland wore the Everest Metro PD uniform because he wanted to protect people and keep his community safe.

On behalf of this institution, I rise to extend my deepest regrets to their families—the mothers and fathers, husbands, wives, and children who no longer have a special member in their homes.

HONORING EARLINE WRIGHT-HART

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Earline Wright-Hart was born in Rural Holmes County, one of six (6) children, born to the union of Willie and Claudia Mae Wright. Married to James Zachary Hart, 4 children, 3 sons: James, Ryan, Lamont & 1 daughter: Jamie Wright-Hart and a new "Grand Nana" to Hailey Kimbrough Jordan.

Ms. Earline Wright-Hart is a member of the Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Choir Member and a Trustee. She was also a graduate of Saint Academy, Holmes Junior College and MS State University and graduated on July 22, 2010 from Michigan State University—School of Criminal Justice/Judicial Administration Program.

Ms. Earline Wright-Hart was elected Circuit Clerk of Holmes County in November, 1991 and she still serves Holmes County in this capacity as well as presently serving on the Statewide Election Management System Focus Group with Mississippi Secretary of State, Delbert Hoseman.

Some of Ms. Wright-Hart's accomplishments are:

1. Served as Vice-Legislative Chair for the MS Circuit Clerk's Assoc., 1996 through 1997
2. Appointed Secretary of the MS Circuit Clerk's Association in July, 1999
3. Nominated Professional of the Year by Holmes County Chamber of Commerce in April, 2001
4. Served as President of the Mississippi Circuit Clerk's Association in 2002–2003

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