

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MICHAEL DILLABOUGH,
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON in recognition of Michael Dillabough, as he retires from the United States Army Corps of Engineers after a stellar 23-year career.

After graduating from California State University at Chico with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, Michael Dillabough began his professional career as an officer with the U.S. Air Force in 1979. His early work included Logistics Analyst at Westinghouse Electrical Corporation and Senior Engineer and Technical Writer at Martin Marietta Aerospace at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

In 1988 he began working for the United States Navy as the Facility Manager assigned to Mare Island Naval Shipyard. For 6 years he managed more than 550 facilities and 25 miles of roads. He then transferred to the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1994 and began his 23-year career with the San Francisco District. Initially brought on to work with the Earthquake Preparedness Center of Expertise, he became the first Project Manager assigned to a remote site, Warm Springs Dam at Lake Sonoma in 2001. In 2003, he became responsible for the district's Emergency Management Office, Dredge Material Management Office, Office of Technical Services and Natural Resource Management, two flood-control/water-supply projects, the Navigational Debris Removal Section, as well as management of the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery and the Bay Model Visitor Center.

In 2003 Michael Dillabough deployed to Kuwait and Iraq where he served as Senior Project Manager for the Gulf Regional Engineering Office and as the Chief Engineer for the Humanitarian Operations Center. The same year, Michael Dillabough was promoted to the position he retires from today, Chief of the Operations and Readiness Division for the San Francisco District. Over the course of his career he has been recognized with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, two Humanitarian Medals and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

We have personally worked with Michael Dillabough and seen first-hand his outstanding dedication to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the public. His career is one of steadfast service to his country and is worthy of the highest distinction. Please join us in congratulating him on his retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for his outstanding contributions to our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2017

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on June 13, 2017, during Roll Call Vote No. 306 on the passage of H.R. 2581, the Verify First Act, I was present on the floor at the time, my vote was misreported, and I fully intended to vote "Yes" on Roll Call Vote No. 306.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2017

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during Roll Call Vote No. 308 due to my spouse's health situation in California. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on H.R. 2579, Broader Options for Americans Act.

DENOUNCING IMPACT OF
TRUMP CARE ON OUR NATION'S
VETERANS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, on behalf of the men and women who have served our country, I want to apologize that the majority excluded our Nation's Veterans when they voted for Trumpcare.

Make no mistake, Trumpcare, would disallow any veteran eligible for government healthcare from receiving a tax credit even if the veteran has an individual health plan. The majority had an opportunity to fix this but they chose to exclude Veterans so they could pass their bill through reconciliation. Veterans lost in the Majority's procedural gimmicks. Today, they are trying to fix this mess but it simply isn't enough. The underlying bill, Trumpcare, would only make health coverage less accessible and affordable for Veterans.

Political expediency should never be used as an excuse to use Veterans as an afterthought.

As others have mentioned, this bill is like adding new tires to a car you're sending to the junkyard. This bill does nothing to improve the inadequate tax credits under Trumpcare for all Americans, nothing to eliminate the age-tax in Trumpcare causing older Veterans to pay more, and nothing to protect Veterans when their state opts to waive essential health benefits or reinstate lifetime caps.

The majority of House Republicans voted for Trumpcare, which caps and guts Medicaid

by \$800 billion. Trump proposes another \$600 billion from Medicaid in his budget.

Almost 2 million veterans and 660,000 veterans spouses rely on Medicaid for their health services. In my home state of Alabama, around 28,000 veterans are enrolled in Medicaid. According to a study by the Urban Institute, the rate of uninsured veterans fell by 42 percent between 2013 and 2015.

States that expanded Medicaid saw a 34 percent increase in the number of Medicaid-enrolled veterans, whereas states that declined the expansion saw a 3 percent increase. In Alabama, percent about 13,000 uninsured Veterans would have qualified for health coverage had the state expanded. The President and the majority aim to cut Medicaid in all states, and therefore cap coverage and benefits to hundreds of thousands of Veterans across this country. Recalcitrance didn't work for Alabama and it will not work in the rest of the country.

Now is the time to build on the progress the ACA made for our Veterans, not roll it back by dismantling coverage and access for millions of Veterans. Veterans deserve better than stale lip service.

COMMEMORATING FIFTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF DEFERRED ACTION
FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS
(DACA) INITIATIVE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, five years ago, on June 15, 2012, President Obama signed the DACA initiative radically changing the lives of thousands of young immigrants by giving them the opportunity to earn degrees, legalize their status and be able to openly contribute their talents to make our country a better place.

President Obama's DACA allows thousands of young people the opportunity to dream of a better place, a safer home, and a brighter and more prosperous future.

Immigrants in our nation are now under siege by a divisive and misguided political rhetoric that dehumanizes their immigrant experiences by relying on hateful stereotypes.

As the DACA program and its beneficiaries come under attack, we must work together to responsibly reform our broken immigration system to ensure that families in immigrant communities can live in this nation freely and without fear.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, over 68,000 people in Harris County benefit from the DACA initiative.

DACA beneficiaries and immigrants live among us; they are our neighbors, our family members, our classmates, and our friends.

Mr. Speaker, Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the nation and immigrants are essential to create Houston's beautiful mosaic

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