

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call vote 410, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

## IN RECOGNITION OF ELDER ERVIN PETERSON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, Elder Ervin Peterson, who will celebrate his 20th Anniversary as the distinguished pastor of New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. His anniversary celebration will take place Thursday, August 3rd through August 5th, 2017 at New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. in Albany, GA.

A native of Calhoun County, Elder Peterson was born to Mr. Willie J. and Truezella Peterson, as one of eleven children, in 1955. He is the loving husband of Minister Deborah Peterson, the father of (5) children, Mrs. Yolanda Bryant, Mrs. Shamika Washington (Clifford), Ms. Jasmine Peterson, Ms. Audriauna Peterson, and Kamron Peterson; and, (8) grandchildren, William Bryant, IV, Deja Bryant, Jela Bryant, Bayleigh Bryant, J'Naia Crapps, Mariah Lumpkin, Calvin Grant, and Xavier Williams.

Elder Peterson was called to preach the gospel in 1981 and was ordained in August 1982. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the late Elder W.H. Norwood, Elder Peterson quickly learned the covenant, doctrine, and ordinances of the Primitive Baptist Association of which he served as Moderator from 1995–1996. While many of his churches were great distances away from his home, he served his members faithfully no matter the distance, nor the task.

Ephesians 4:11–12 says “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ”. In June 1997, after receiving a vision from the Lord, New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. was born. Elder Peterson and a few devoted followers developed a small ministry with firm foundation and a dynamic vision. Elder Peterson’s love for God and his people is evident in the many lives he touches. A man of great integrity, he not only continues to labor for Christ, but he continues to strive for excellence in his profession as a licensed plumber and HVAC technician.

Elder Peterson is a great and inspirational leader, but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife, family, and the New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. church family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in thanking Elder Ervin

Peterson for 20 outstanding years of service to New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. and a lifetime of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

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**HON. EVAN H. JENKINS**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, due to President Trump’s visit to my Congressional District for an event with Secretaries Zinke, Price, and Perry and Boy Scouts from across the United States, I missed votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407, YEA on Roll Call No. 408, and YEA on Roll Call No. 409.

## RECOGNIZING ETHAN BOND

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ethan Bond for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado’s Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the Summer of 2017.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation’s legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Ethan plans to continue pursuing his degree at the end of this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ethan Bond for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado’s 4th district.

## RECOGNITION OF MEGHAN RICE

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Meghan Rice of Woodbury, Minnesota. Ms. Rice was recently presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Achieving this award requires extraordinary leadership, passion, and tenacity; all things that she has exhibited to the highest degree.

After visiting a partner-church in San Nicolas, Honduras in 2014, Ms. Rice decided she wanted to deepen a partnership with parishioners there. In conjunction with Crossroads Church and Milk & Honey Missions, she raised \$2,000 to build a new playground for the San Nicolas community. She partnered with her high school Spanish class to translate English board games to Spanish and donated them as well. However, Ms. Rice was not finished; she made sure her project was sustain-

able by establishing an annual Honduras Awareness Month to raise funds for expenses going forward. Despite having completed her Gold Award project, Ms. Rice intends to return to Honduras this summer to construct a garden, kitchen, and library.

She creates a safe place for local children to play and promotes community engagement; Ms. Rice’s Gold Award project is a tremendous example of American citizen diplomacy. It is wonderful to see a dedicated young leader succeed in the international sphere.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Meghan Rice of Woodbury, Minnesota for the service she has done. She serves as a superb example of compassionate leadership, and her future is sure to be bright.

## HONORING MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM E. RAPP

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate Major General William E. Rapp on his retirement from the U.S. Army and on his receipt of the Distinguished Service Medal for his 33 years of steadfast service. This exceptional achievement is proof of Major General Rapp’s commitment to ensuring our nation’s safety and his dedication to educating its military leaders.

Over the course of Major General Rapp’s notable career, he has been sent on multiple command tours and combat deployments. He has also taken on numerous assignments in critical and joint operations, displaying a wide range of skill and expertise. From 2008 to 2009, he was appointed as the Commander of the Northwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, taking on responsibility for a 5,000-person organization and overseeing vital projects. From there, Major General Rapp moved into the role of 72nd Commandant at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, where he diligently supervised the leadership development and military training of 4,400 members of the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

From 2011 to 2012, Major General Rapp courageously served overseas as the Commanding General of the U.S. National Support Element Command in Afghanistan, providing logistical and administrative support to over 190,000 individuals. He continued his service during his next assignment as U.S. Army Chief of Legislative Liaison. In that role, he developed, coordinated, and executed the Army’s strategic communication effort with Congress, fostering and strengthening ties between the two bodies.

Major General Rapp’s dedication to serving his country proved motivational to others, and in June of 2014, he was named the 50th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College and the Commanding General of the Carlisle Barracks. He worked tirelessly to inspire professionalism in students and to instill in them a high level of strategic leadership and reflective thinking. He has become a role model for not only War College faculty and students, but also his own children, who have all pursued military educations and careers. Major General Rapp’s career exemplifies the highest levels of service to the nation and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.