

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Major General Rapp for all he has sacrificed to serve our country and for all that he has contributed to the Armed Services community. I wish him the very best in his retirement and in all his future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3178, THE
MEDICARE PART B IMPROVE-
MENT ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 3178, the Medicare Part B Improvement Act.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of the bill introduced by Reps. BLACK, DELBENE, and THOMPSON included in the underlying bill. This policy modernizes Medicare payment policies for the use of telehealth for ESRD related visits.

My home state of Alabama and the neighboring states of Mississippi and Tennessee are home to the highest rates of kidney disease in the country. Expanding opportunities for home dialysis and telehealth is very important to these patients and their families.

I've visited with kidney disease patients in dialysis facilities across my district, from small dialysis clinics to the ESRD unit at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. The treatment is taxing for patients and families, who have to go to their clinic to receive treatment 3 days a week for 4 hours at a time to simply sustain life.

For patients and their families, this bill will have a substantial impact on their quality of life, by expanding access to home dialysis therapy. Technology has allowed for the creation of home dialysis devices. Our Medicare dialysis patients deserve access to these advanced technologies. I strongly believe we must modernize our dialysis payment policies to keep pace with the rapid pace of innovation in so that Medicare patients are not left behind.

I support the underlying bill and urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Medicare Part B Improvement Act of 2017.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
SERGEANT CHAD E. JENSON

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Sergeant Chad E. Jenson—beloved son, husband, stepfather, and United States Marine—who passed away on July 10, 2017 in the line of duty.

Chad grew up in Redondo Beach, where his family still resides. He attended Mira Costa High School and helped lead the Manhattan Beach school's football team to a championship in 2009. Chad was deeply admired for his selflessness and unwavering optimism by teammates, classmates, and teachers alike.

Chad had a deep desire to serve his country and he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps

in September 2010 after graduation from high school. In 2013, Chad joined the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command and by 2014, he had attained the rank of Sergeant—a remarkable accomplishment for any enlisted member of the military to receive so rapidly. He proudly served with the elite 2nd Raider Battalion, Special Operations Command which was based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Chad was a critical skills operator and was awaiting his first deployment.

Chad constantly strived to perfect his own skills and become a stronger leader. He maintained a high standard of integrity which he shared with those around him. His awards include a U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit commendation, two certificates of commendation, three letters of appreciation and two meritorious masts. Chad was the embodiment of the U.S. Marine Corps' values: honor, courage, and commitment.

Chad is survived by his wife, Jessica, and stepson, Jackson, whom I hope take comfort in the way Chad lived his life as a patriotic, selfless and caring young man who served his community and his nation. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure and enthusiasm to congratulate St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo on the church's 100th anniversary. The history of this amazing congregation begins in the home of Mrs. Mamie Porter on Howard Street in Toledo, where, on July 12, 1917, the families of Westly Davis, Robert Christian and Sally McElya met for their first worship service.

During the course of the next year, the congregation grew which resulted in the formal organization of the church, which they named St. Paul. From the start, the church was a community anchor.

Over the years that followed, there were numerous challenges and difficulties that the small congregation overcame, including worshipping in several locations, until finding a home at 654 Hamilton for many years. The current location of St. Paul's, 1502 N. Detroit Avenue, was purchased in 1958 from the United Brethren Church and has been the congregation's home since that time.

There have been a number of shepherds of the St. Paul congregation. Rev. Joseph Smith served as a visionary and dedicated leader of the congregation from 1928 until his death in 1969. To date he is the longest serving Pastor.

On October 25, 1969, Rev. John H. McKissick assumed the leadership of St. Paul. Inspired by the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. McKissick, the church initiated a Watch Care Program, a Department of Evangelism and an Annual Week-End Youth Seminar. A Credit Union was also established as a benefit for the members.

After 16 years of dedicated service Rev. McKissick retired on December 31, 1985, however, he remained as Interim until the search for a new pastor was concluded.

From 1986 to 2003, the following Pastors served the congregation of St. Paul: Dr. Irece T. Bradley, Rev. Julius Minor (Interim), Rev. Floyd Smith and Rev. James R. Glover.

During this timeframe new programs and ministries were established, such as: Moments in Mission, Christian Education, The Sharing Place, Tiny Tot Worship and the Mass Choir.

Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. was elected as Pastor on October 19, 2003. He has exemplified enthusiasm and an unwavering commitment to the spiritual growth of the church. Some of the ministries established during his tenure include: Noon Day Prayer and Bible Study, Young Adult Ministry, Young Adult Monthly Faith Friday, Young Adult Praise Dance Ministry and Young Adult Usher Board. A Youth Minister was appointed in 2016.

St. Paul has modernized its ministry by providing a live stream of Sunday morning worship service, establishing a text alert notification system and installing a projector unit in the sanctuary.

The St. Paul Church Family is blessed to still have 28 "Pioneers" who have maintained membership for over 50 years, and most of them still remain actively engaged in church activities.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church is a magnificent example of all that a spiritual home should be, rendering indelible service to the Toledo community for the past 100 years. Living the Gospel, St. Paul's congregation looks back on a century of spreading the Word and sharing Christ's message of Love while looking forward to a future of spiritual service.

Romans 10:17 tells us, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." I am pleased to join our community in recognizing the milestone centennial celebration of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID A. FOGEL

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the contributions to Colorado of an extraordinary constituent and friend, David A. Fogel, who on July 27th will receive the Elaine Wolf 'Dor V'Dor Award for outstanding service to Kavod Senior Life.

"Kavod" is the Hebrew word for "honor" or "respect." Kavod Senior Life is an inclusive, Denver-based non-profit providing affordable and subsidized housing, community activities and services to more than 400 low-income people of all faiths age 62 and up who have qualifying mobility impairment disabilities.

David has served Kavod Senior Life as a member of the board since 2009 and was its president from 2013 to 2015.

A man of faith with a commitment to serving others, David has dedicated his time and his considerable energy to our community through leadership positions in Denver B'nai B'rith, the South Denver Optimist Club, the Anti-Defamation League, and more.

David's wide-ranging career in the law has also been imbued with the ideal of service and making life better for others. He has served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for Colorado and Assistant Public Defender, had two assignments as Special Assistant Attorney General for Colorado, and is now in private practice at his firm, Fogel & Bluestein.

David is also a part-time instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. His commitment to education and his desire to share his experience extends for many years, 16 of which he spent as an instructor at the University of Denver College of Law.

David has been a mentor, not just to his former law students, but to many people across the community. I met David years ago when he was Chair of the Denver Democratic Party, and his wisdom and upbeat disposition inspire me to this day.

I'm among countless Coloradans who, through the years, have been lucky enough to get to know David and to work by his side. We appreciate his compassion, kindness and generosity in all his professional and community roles. His spirit and energy have helped make Denver a city with a welcoming spirit that embraces diversity and justice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2017, I missed the voting session due to family obligations. If present, I would have voted as follows:

YES—H.R. 3180—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

YES—S. 114—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Veterans Choice Program

YES—H.R. 3218—Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act

I intended to vote yes on all of these measures. After World War II, my father—who was a B-17 bombardier navigator in the Army Air Corps—became the first in our family to attend college thanks to the GI Bill. I am ecstatic that the House passed H.R. 3218 to expand this vital program for our Veterans and their families who sacrifice so much.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2017, I was not able to cast my votes during the series. Had I been present, I would have voted: NO on H.R. 3180—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, as amended, NO on S. 114—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes, as amended, and YES on H.R. 3218—Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, as amended.

COMMEMORATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAE DAY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 10th anniversary of "Trae Day."

Trae Tha Truth, is an American hip hop recording artist from Houston, Texas.

Apart from his solo career, Trae is also known as a member of the underground rap collective Screwed Up Click, as well as one-half of the Southern Hip Hop duo ABN, and one of the founding members of the group Guerilla Maab, alongside fellow rappers Z-Ro and Dougie D.

Trae Tha Truth currently hosts Banned Radio on XXL, on Dash Radio.

Trae Tha Truth's music is inspired by the experiences of the disenfranchised, which is rooted in the inner-cities of America, and is driven by loss, love and loyalty.

Trae Tha Truth's music is powerful and real, his voice is a tractor trailer shoveling gravel that booms, bangs, and thumps.

Trae Day is an annual festival commemorating the actual holiday the City of Houston gave Trae for his role as a civic leader, which made him the first rapper in Texas to be given an official holiday by the city.

Among his civic activities, Trae Tha Truth has founded a nonprofit organization, counseled incarcerated persons, and sponsored at-risk high school students.

Trae Tha Truth is very modest and rarely discusses his accomplishments but what is important to know about him is that he is a rapper who uses his gift to help people.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEO TWIGGS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great South Carolinian and personal friend, Dr. Leo Twiggs.

Dr. Twiggs hails from St. Stephen, South Carolina, and currently lives in Orangeburg. His artwork has won him fame and recognition across the state and around the world. Recently, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor at a ceremony held at the Statehouse in Columbia. During that ceremony, he also received the highest honor the state presents in the arts—a Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Carolina Arts Commission at the 2017 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Awards for the Arts. In 1980, Dr. Twiggs was the first visual artist ever to receive the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award.

Dr. Twiggs' powerful artwork employs batik, an ancient Indonesian technique of manual wax-resistant dyeing applied to whole cloth. He recently spent several weeks manually dyeing and dipping fabric pieces to achieve a texturally rich and deep-toned series titled, "Requiem for Mother Emanuel," to honor the victims of the Charleston massacre of June

17, 2015. His new series of paintings is titled, "The Nine," and focuses on the individual Charleston church shooting victims themselves.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Twiggs has spoken of the "powerful kind of catharsis" of his work, and his fondness for batik includes how the art form draws an individual into a piece. His unique paintings have received international acclaim. Several paintings have been displayed in U.S. embassies in Rome, Senegal, Sierra Leone and elsewhere; and his works have appeared in numerous textbooks, other publications and documentaries. He has designed official White House Christmas ornaments for former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush. Dr. Twiggs is particularly proud that the new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. has accepted two of his paintings for display.

Dr. Twiggs has served on many important boards and commissions, including the South Carolina State Museum, the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities, and the South Carolina Hall of Fame. His tenure in the latter capacity saw the induction of late Judge Matthew Perry, a personal hero of mine, former Governor Richard Riley, longtime former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, and Ernest A. Finney, the first African American elected to the state Supreme Court since Reconstruction who later became the first African American Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court. Dr. Twiggs also influenced the induction of two pioneering African American women Septima Clark, another personal hero from my younger days and Marian Wright Edelman, a woman whose work I have long admired.

Dr. Twiggs was the first African American to earn a Doctorate of Art Education from the University of Georgia. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Claflin University and received his Masters of Arts from New York University. He found the Art Department at South Carolina State University, my alma mater, and is credited with developing the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium on campus. He was named Professor Emeritus in 2000. The Georgia Museum of Art organized a retrospective of his works that toured the southeast from 2004 to 2006: His lovely wife Rosa hails from my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I call to your attention and to the attention of the Members of the 115th Congress, the accomplishments of this outstanding South Carolinian, Dr. Leo Twiggs.

SENATE VOTE ON ACA REPEAL

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today, in a move that is a betrayal to the American people, the Senate voted 51 to 50 on a motion to advance debate on a piece of Republican legislation that would do away with most of the Affordable Care Act.

Reaching a 51-50 vote, where the tie was broken by Vice President MIKE PENCE, has been a struggle for Republican Members of the Senate because they realize that a repeal of Obamacare would result in tragedy for millions of Americans.