

Kid Jeopardy, serving as a source of civic pride for Pinellas County and an inspiration to little girls across the community. As a fellow Green Devil, no one better represented St. Petersburg High School and its motto of loyalty and service to God, country, and home.

After graduation, Emma realized her dream of working on the stage in New York City as a student at Marymount Manhattan College. She spent her final moments doing the very thing she loved most: directing her first college theater production, helping a fellow performer rehearse their lines.

Emma's passing due to unexpected heart failure was a sad day for Pinellas County. To her dedicated, loving parents Wilma and Peter, and her older sister Hannah, our hearts go out. I thank them for bringing such an incredible young woman into this world. She has left an indelible mark that will never be erased; her spirit will live on in the hearts of everyone whose life she touched.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully include in the RECORD my intended votes for November 28 through December 1, 2017. I was feeling under the weather, and at the advice of my doctor I was told to rest and avoid air travel for the duration of the week.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

H.R. 2768—Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act (Sponsored by Rep. SCOTT TIP-TON/Natural Resources Committee)—This legislation would designate two mountain peaks in the Uncompahgre National Forest in Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak" in honor of two philanthropists—Charlie Fowler and Christine Boskoff—whom supported athletic schools, women's education, global literacy, and gender equality. They passed away when an avalanche struck while they were attempting to climb Genyen Peak in Tibet in November 2006. Roll no. 638—Yes

H.R. 3115—Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. RICK NOLAN/Natural Resources Committee). This legislation would facilitate a land exchange between the United States Forest Service (USFS) and a private entity—6,650 acres of federal land in the Superior National Forest would be exchanged for 6,690 acres of private land in the same forest. The proposal has been under strict review by the National Environmental Policy Act for seven years, and requires permitting through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Minnesota after the bill's enactment. Roll no. 639—Yes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 631—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3017—Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017, and of the bill, H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act. Roll no. 640—Yes

Adoption of H. Res. 631—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3017—Brownfields En-

hancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017, and of the bill, H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act. Roll no. 641—Yes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

H.Amdt. 487 to H.R. 3905, Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act, GRIJALVA (D-AZ) Amendment—Increases the royalty rate by 16.66 percent for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest. Roll no. 642—No

Passage of H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act (Sponsored by Rep. TOM EMMER/Natural Resources Committee)—This bill restores mineral rights in Minnesota, and opens the permitting process for mining in the state. Roll no. 643—Yes

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 635—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4182—Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017. Roll no. 644—Yes

Adoption of H. Res. 635—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4182—Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017. Roll no. 645—Yes

H.Amdt. 489 to H.R. 4182, Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017, Hastings (D-FL) Amendment—Exempts alumni of the PeaceCorps, AmeriCorps, and other national service programs under the Corporation for National and Community Service from the two-year probationary period. Roll no. 646—No

H.Amdt. 491 to H.R. 4182, CONNOLLY (D-VA) Substitute Amendment—Strikes the provisions of the bill and replaces it with a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States. The study and report will be on those agencies that have lengthened the employee probationary period from 1 to 2 years, and any impact of an existing two-year probationary period at the agency. Roll no. 647—No

Passage of H.R. 4182—Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017—This legislation would extend the probationary period for new federal employees (civil service) from one year to two years. The bill addresses the findings from a 2015 GAO report which found that supervisors often do not utilize the probationary period for its intended purpose, and need more time to complete a full assessment of work performance. Roll no. 648—Yes

Passage of H.R. 3017—Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY/Energy and Commerce Committee)—This bill reauthorizes the Brownfields Program to provide grants and technical assistance to communities, states, and tribes to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. There are more than 450,000 brownfields in the United States, and each of these sites has the potential to encourage economic development with federal assistance. Roll no. 649—Yes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

Democrat Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. ANDY BARR/Financial Services Committee)—Roll no. 650—No

Passage of H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. ANDY BARR/Financial Services Committee)—This bill would help low-income families gain access to banks loans to purchase mobile homes. Roll no. 651—Yes

Approval of the Journal Roll no. 652—Yes

#### HONORING THE WEST SENECA WEST VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the West Seneca West varsity football team for their remarkable achievement of winning the 2017 New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association Class A Championship with a 14–6 victory over the Section I Champions, Yorktown High School, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse on November 24, 2017.

The West Seneca West football team earned the distinction of being ranked No. 1 in large schools by the Buffalo News. Head Coach Mike Vastola was selected Coach of the Year and senior quarterback Matt Myers was selected Player of the Year and Connolly Cup Winner, an award given to one outstanding varsity football player from Western New York each year.

Myers accounted for 264 of West's 290 yards in total offense. The defense performed well under pressure to lay a strong foundation for the biggest victory in the history of West Seneca West football. This incredible season comes on the heels of a 12-year playoff drought, which displays the dedication of these players and coaches to building a championship team.

I'd like to thank former coach and current president of the West Seneca Teacher's Association, Joseph Cantafio, for inviting me here today to recognize the young men and the football organization that has brought this community together, inspiring a great sense of pride for West Seneca's accomplishments both on and off the field. The team's spirit of hard work, camaraderie and incredible sportsmanship has moved this community to believe that anything is possible when you come together as a team.

Every player on the roster deserves to be recognized for the efforts, from freshmen to seniors. The efforts of Liam Scheuer, Josh Clifton, Justin Johnson, Mike Velasquez, Josh Karmazyn, Bryan Ball, Mitch Bednarz, David Beard, Jacob Wagner, Dillon Weir, Nick Knowles, Luke Wilhelm, Kyle Bauer, Kyle Haettich, Jordan Mackiewicz, Jake Cooper, Nicolai Lowman, Dylan Kasic, John Speyer, Cody Chambers, Jake Wood, Corey Snyder, Jebadiah Braunscheidel, John Cantafio, Josh Wilson, Bradley Claycomb, Nick Fazio, Jeremy Cuthbert, Daniel Cantafio, Robin Block, Nick Cooper, George Newcomb, Tremar Brice, Chris Ignasiak, Tavian Brooks, Dustin White-Wagner, Mike Glinski, and Trevor Stoddard earned West Seneca West the state championship, led by Captains Jesse Broad, Matt Myers, Vinny Draper, Coach Mike Vastola, Assistant Coaches Dave Recor, Matt Marinaro,

Rob Lares, Joe Cantafio, Neil Raddu, and Rich Sanders, and Athletic Director Vincent Dell'Oso.

The team's perfect record in 2017 is one that will be remembered and celebrated for years to come. Let me echo the words of Coach Mike Vastola who proclaimed it "a great moment for fans, a great moment for the community and a great moment for all the guys that he was proud to coach." A moment every football player dreams of, winning the state championship after a hard-fought couple of years, is an accomplishment that this team should be very proud of.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the champion West Seneca West varsity football team. Their success reinforces timeless lessons learned by student athletes of the virtues of preparation, teamwork, and diligence. Congratulations to the West Seneca West varsity football players, coaches, staff and fans on this well-deserved, historic victory.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF  
SERGEANT PETER EWANICK

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Staff Sergeant Peter Ewanick. He was born May 23, 1919 to Ukrainian immigrants in Forestville, Pennsylvania. They were fleeing oppression and seeking a better life in America.

Peter grew up in Evanston, Illinois, playing football and baseball in high school. In September of 1941 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, three months before the United States would enter World War II. He was part of an USMC special weapons platoon in two of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific, Tarawa and Okinawa. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in December 1945.

Peter Ewanick got a job in Los Angeles as a lineman for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, helping to build the microwave infrastructure across California's deserts and to install overhead and underground cables for the postwar population boom in LA. He married wife Joyce in 1958, and together they raised her children and their son together, Joel, in both Huntington Park and the San Fernando Valley.

Peter Ewanick retired in 1981 as a splicing and construction foreman, having been responsible for the Wilshire District of Los Angeles. The couple moved to Santa Barbara in 2008. Peter was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge and the Telephone Pioneers, and generally regarded as a good husband, a great role model, and a proud American veteran.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Ewanick family in celebrating this special life, which ended peacefully on July 25, 2017.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN JENKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call vote No. 1 on the evening of January 8, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted Present on Roll Call No. 1.

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REMEMBERING STEVE PHELPS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Steve Phelps, a life-long educator and administrator who dedicated his career to improving opportunities for students of all backgrounds throughout the Bay Area. Dr. Phelps died on December 26th following complications from heart surgery.

Steve Phelps was born on June 9th, 1944 in Los Angeles, but grew up in Oakland. He graduated from San Francisco State University and the University of San Francisco, and received his doctorate in educational leadership—a subject which he would put to great use throughout his career.

Dr. Phelps began his teaching career in San Francisco. In 1972 he started as a social sciences teacher and coach at St. Ignatius, a private Catholic high school in the Sunset District. He quickly made his mark by working to ensure that students from throughout San Francisco could take advantage of the benefits of St. Ignatius' high quality education.

In 1973, Dr. Phelps started SI Uplift, a program aimed at improving the diversity of the student body at St. Ignatius. His efforts to improve diversity including outreach to other elementary schools to encourage minority students to consider St. Ignatius, and he also served as the moderators of the Black Student Union and the Asian Students Coalition.

While at St. Ignatius, Dr. Phelps also served as the head of the school's professional development department; ensuring that teachers were able to attain credentials and advanced degrees in order to provide better outcomes for their students.

In 2005, Dr. Phelps returned home to Oakland when he took the helm as President of Bishop O'Dowd High School. As president, Dr. Phelps helped improve the school's fundraising record, which enabled O'Dowd to fund the renovation of classrooms, the construction of the Center for Environmental Studies, and to initiate a program to provide all students with laptops—the first of its kind at the time in the Bay Area.

Dr. Phelps' leadership also expanded much needed financial aid for students, helping to ensure that cost was not a barrier for families who wanted their children to receive the benefits of a Bishop O'Dowd education.

Throughout his life, Dr. Phelps demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the thousands of students in the Bay Area. His work helped strengthen two schools, but his legacy will be the impact that he had on the lives of his students, and

all that they are able to achieve through the support that he provided them.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I'd like to thank Dr. Phelps for his exceptional and distinguished career, and honor his life of service to our district. I send my sincere condolences to his wife, Susan, his children Amy and Chris, and his entire extended family.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT  
APPRECIATION DAY

**HON. NEAL P. DUNN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Thank you to all who put their lives at risk every day and night to keep our families safe. Our law enforcement and first responders run into danger so that others can escape it.

Last year, we passed the Thin Blue Line Act to ensure that those who commit crimes against our law enforcement will be held accountable and seek justice for those murdered in the line of duty. I am committed to continuing to fight for the officers of the thin blue line.

Every day, despite great personal risks, law enforcement officers across the country put on their uniforms and carry out their duties to protect and serve. They have our backs, let's have theirs.

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APPRECIATING THE BIRTH OF  
WILLIAM BRUNSON DEPASS IV

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to W. Brunson DePass, III, and Emily Barnhill DePass on the birth of their son William Brunson DePass, IV, born at 4:47 p.m., Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Baptist Medical Center of Columbia, South Carolina, weighing six pounds and fourteen ounces.

He is welcomed by his grateful grandparents William (Rusty) B. DePass, Jr. and Susan Parker DePass along with Jane Arnold Barnhill and Edward (Butch) D. Barnhill, Jr., Esq.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JEFFREY  
STAMPER

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Sergeant Jeffrey Stamper for twenty-six years of dedicated service to the public safety of the citizens of Kings County, California.

Sergeant Stamper is a lifelong Kings County resident. Born in 1967, Jeffrey grew up in the small farm town of Corcoran, California. He attended local schools and graduated Corcoran High School in 1985 before attending California State University, Long Beach.