

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, on February 5th, on roll call votes 51 and 52, I was not present due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on roll call vote 51 and “nay” on roll call vote 52.

HONORING BRUCE MOUNT, SR.

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

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Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor Bruce Mount, Sr. of the

Historic Town of Eatonville, who passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018.

As we honor the life of Bruce Mount, Sr., we celebrate in particular the outstanding work he accomplished in the Town of Eatonville.

We all know Mayor Mount loved God, his family, and the citizens of Eatonville, Florida. Mayor Mount consistently put people first, believing that his service to humankind was an expression of his service to God.

Mayor Mount's accomplishments made a real difference in the lives of Eatonville's residents, and gained him much-deserved local, state and national recognition.

He believed in empowering the Town of Eatonville through economic development and housing rehabilitation. We are all proud of the Eatonville “Rebuilding Together” project, which restored dozens of unsafe homes for low-income families.

Under Mayor Mount's leadership, four million dollars was awarded for Phase II of the Kennedy Boulevard Streetscape project. This iconic Gateway was designed as a powerful

symbol of the residents' compassion and determination through the years.

Mayor Mount was a public servant who loved children and invested in their well-being and future opportunities by leading the effort to bring the Boys & Girls Club and community gym to the Town of Eatonville.

Mayor Mount put people first, evidenced by his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of his constituents. He expanded access to diabetes treatment for senior citizens, and was a founder of the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance. Mayor Mount worked to keep residents and business owners safe by securing much-needed equipment for Eatonville's first responders.

Mayor Bruce Mount, Sr. will be missed, but his positive contributions to Central Florida, the nation, and especially the Town of Eatonville will never leave us. He will always serve as an inspiration.