

vote series. I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were present: “Yea” on Roll Call No. 140 and “Yea” on Roll Call No. 141.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018 MARKUP

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we marked up H.R. 5129, the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2018. I'd like to thank Chairman ROYCE, for his leadership on global food security, including in particular for his original cosponsorship of this reauthorization as well as the original Global Food Security Act, and his agreeing to move this bill to markup so rapidly.

The original Global Food Security Act promoted food security, resilience and nutrition in developing countries in keeping with U.S. national security interests. Through agriculture-led economic development, GFSA has strengthened partner countries' capacity and lessened their dependence on emergency food assistance. It has also improved efficiency among federal departments and agencies and leveraged the participation of other non-U.S. governmental partners.

I should be restated that GFSA's legacy as a bipartisan success story—legislation which solidified in law a policy that had its roots in the Bush Administration, was amplified by President Obama and is now being implemented by President Trump.

Now is the time to reauthorize this landmark legislation. H.R. 5129 builds upon the Global Food Security Act of 2016, which formally codified the Feed the Future Initiative and was signed into law with overwhelming bipartisan support in July 2016, by reauthorizing the program for two years—per the Amendment you have before you—through 2020.

Crucially, this reauthorization bill emphasizes the importance of deworming initiatives. Among the neglected tropical diseases, intestinal worms account for nearly eighty percent of NTD prevalence, affecting close to one billion people the world over. These worms undercut our nutrition interventions, and can lead to death by malnutrition or lifelong stunting. We need to combine our nutrition interventions not only with a coordinated deworming campaign, but also with Water Sanitation Health interventions that change people's behavior. WaSH training helps ensure people limit exposure to worms, such as by washing and peeling vegetables or something as simple as giving children shoes to wear so if they trod on worm-infected soil they don't get sick again. We are trying to feed the future, not feed the worms.

We will also rectify an oversight by including the Inter-American Foundation in the inter-agency initiative on Food Security. IAF does development right, in particular working with small holder farmers while keeping bureaucratic overhead low.

That we are here reauthorizing the Global Food Security Act is a testament to the dedi-

cation of numerous committed groups outside Congress that have made food security and nutrition their priority, from advocates to implementers—especially and including faith-based organizations who perhaps work the closest to the small-holder farmers and women who benefit in particular from our food security efforts. I thank them for their support and look forward to working with them more in this process.

I'd also like to compliment our federal agencies tasked with implementing the GFSA—in particular USAID under the leadership of Beth Dunford. The professionalism and dedication of Beth and many others is critical to the overall success of the program.

Finally, I would like to thank Rep. BETTY MCCOLLUM for again being the lead cosponsor on this critical, bipartisan legislation, as well as to thank original cosponsor Ranking Member ENGEL and the Ranking member of our subcommittee, KAREN BASS and others.

IN RECOGNITION OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON STATE

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 70th anniversary of the independence of the state of Israel, which falls on April 19 this year.

Israel is an important friend and ally of the United States.

The United States and Israel share a unique bond based on democratic principles, common values and mutual strategic interests.

In Washington state, the Puget Sound region is home to the fastest growing Jewish community of any metropolitan area in the United States, including almost 10,000 Israelis.

On April 22, people from across Washington state will gather for a Yom Ha'atzmaut festival, celebrating 70 years of Israeli Independence.

I would like to recognize the Israeli-American community for its contributions to Washington state and honor the hope of the Jewish people.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY AND DELBERT KING

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kathy and Delbert King of Villisca, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 9, 2018.

Kathy and Delbert's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even

stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 142 regarding the “Protecting Children from Identity Theft Act.” Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

MIGUEL LOPEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel Lopez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Miguel Lopez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel Lopez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Miguel Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17, 2018, I was not present for recorded votes. I would have voted:

YES on roll call vote No. 140 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 146, as amended),

YES on roll call vote No. 141 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 167), and

YES on roll call vote No. 142 (on passage of H.R. 5192).