

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 143 regarding the "Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of the Taxpayer First Act and the 21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted No.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 144 regarding the "Rule providing for consideration of the Taxpayer First Act and the "21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted No.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 145 regarding the "21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 146 regarding the "Taxpayer First Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 147 regarding the "Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF ALFONSON L. CAMPBELL

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Alfonson L. Campbell.

Mr. C, as his family and friends affectionately call him, is celebrating his 100th birthday. He was born on the Theo Baker Dairy Farm in Culpepper, Virginia on April 20, 1918. His father, who was white, and his mother who was black, raised 5 children in a two-room farmhouse.

At a very young age, Mr. Campbell helped his father on the farm by shoveling hay, milking cows and feeding chickens. He also spent his childhood gathering wood for the stove, storing milk in the well to keep cool, stuffing bedding with hay to use as mattresses, and breaking ice that formed on a nearby lake to store meat and hunted opossum. Mr. Campbell walked over a mile to attend a one-room school, where the teacher was also his preacher.

His father took care of the farm to pay his debts to the property owner and left the farm after the debt was paid. A few years later, Mr. Campbell also left the farm at 16 years old to begin a new life in Washington, DC.

Mr. Campbell joined the Army and served seven years in the Army National Guard. During his time of service, he participated in the Korean War Conflict. After leaving the military, he followed his childhood dream of becoming an automobile mechanic. He was the favorite amongst his co-workers, always teaching them the "tricks of the trade." His intelligence, mechanical skills and his ethics were so impres-

sive that his boss rewarded him with \$100.00 when the business closed. His love for cars secured him an auto-mechanic job with the District of Columbia Government for 45 years. Upon retiring from the DC government, Mr. Campbell went on to operate a successful lawn service business for 16 years.

Mr. Campbell credits his longevity to his faith in Jesus Christ and love of life. He enjoys fishing, tinkering with cars, eating the three C's (cabbage, collard greens and cornbread), and enjoyed travels with his late wife to various destinations such as Africa, Acapulco, Aruba, Germany and Hawaii. His greatest loves now are his son, daughter, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and Jesus Christ.

Mr. Alfonson L. Campbell turned 100 years old on April 20, 2018. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our warmest birthday greetings to him and wishing him many more healthy and happy years.

## HONORING GERI SHAPIRO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize a dear friend, a dedicated public servant, a tireless advocate, and one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, Ms. Geri Shapiro. Geri is receiving the "Legacy Award" at this year's "Volunteers Spirit Awards" in Westchester, hosted by Volunteer New York. I cannot think of a more deserving or impressive honoree.

A Senior Advisor to Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, Geri is a longtime Westchester resident who is intimately involved with a wide array of important issues that impact our community and its residents. She is a staunch advocate for the county, working with leadership from all levels of government, nonprofits and the business community. Geri understands finer details of the "big picture" of any issue—seniors, people with disabilities, access to social services, nuclear power, healthcare—but her primary focus is always on the person or family whose life is directly impacted.

The story of how Geri got into public service is an inspiring one. Her first career was as a stay-at-home mom who devoted much of her time volunteering at her daughter's school and caring for her aging parents. She was active in the Edgemont PTA and served as PTA president. In 2000, she began volunteering for Hillary Clinton's U.S. Senate campaign. Known by her family as the "expediter," her skills and experiences were quickly recognized and, at age 59, she was asked to serve as Westchester County Regional Director for Senator Clinton. In 2009 she transitioned to Regional Director for Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, and currently serves as a Senior Advisor.

Though Geri is not always in the spotlight, you can be certain she is always working to make Westchester County a better place, all while inspiring and empowering others. Throughout her career, she has mentored staff, volunteers, and members of the community, particularly women. Geri has been honored with the National Association for Female Executives 2012 Women of Excellence Award

for Service to New York for her "vision, courage, compassion, proven success and generosity as demonstrated by how they help other women succeed."

Volunteering, and a bit of tenacity, opened a new door in Geri's life. I'm certainly glad it did. Geri has done some amazing work on behalf of Westchester County and its residents, and we are all grateful for her advocacy. As Volunteer New York honors her with their Legacy Award, I too would like to send my appreciation to Geri, and my personal thanks. She has been a great partner to me in the community for many years, but more importantly, she has been a wonderful friend. Congratulations to Geri on this great honor.

TRIBUTE TO MARIEL BAILEY, MELISSA BUSS, JOHN ENGEL AND ETHAN KOZAK

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariel Bailey, Melissa Buss, John Engel, and Ethan Kozak for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, D.C. office for the spring of the 115th Congress, Second Session.

The work of these young professionals has been nothing short of exemplary. During their time in my office, Mariel, Melissa, John, and Ethan served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, conducted legislative research and learned a great deal about the United States Congress. I know they all have especially bright futures ahead of them and I look forward to seeing them build their prospective careers.

Mariel, Melissa, John, and Ethan have made plans to continue their education and professional occupations in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mariel Bailey, Melissa Buss, John Engel, and Ethan Kozak for their service this spring.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 and Wednesday, April 18, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for the following bills:

H.R. 2905, H.R. 4403, H.R. 5440, H.R. 5446, H.R. 5438, H.R. 5437, H.R. 5439, H.R. 5443, H.R. 2901, H.R. 1512, H.R. 5192, H.R. 5444, and H.R. 5445

Together, these bills offer long overdue reforms to the Internal Revenue Service that would strengthen taxpayer protections as well as reduce compliance and administrative burdens on small businesses.