

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2018, I was engaged in official business in my Congressional District and was not present to vote on H.R. 4910 or H.R. 4335.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 4910 and YEA on H.R. 4335.

## MALIK JOHNES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

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

Malik Johnes is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Malik Johnes 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 Malik Johnes 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.

## IN MEMORIAM OF PAUL POWELL

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Powell for his years of hard work with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and for his service to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Paul passed away Friday, April 20.

Most of my constituents have never heard of Paul Powell. Yet, behind the scenes, as the Department implemented the law that brought the Marianas within the U.S. immigration borders, Paul was our friend.

Of course, his official responsibility was to the agency he worked for. But I think Paul always appreciated that a smooth transition could only occur if both parties understood the constraints and realities each faced. Paul made it his personal responsibility to make sure that understanding could exist.

I know I will never know fully how important Paul's work as an intermediary was to the people I represent. I do know that his cordiality, his respectfulness, his willingness to listen, his ability to convey my concerns, and,

yes, his helpful suggestions on how I could best express those concerns to his agency are qualities that I held dear.

I feel blessed to have known Paul and will miss him deeply.

On behalf of the people of the Northern Marianas, I extend our deepest sympathies to Paul Powell's colleagues at the Department of Homeland Security, and to his family: sister Laurie Lee Jones, brother John, daughter Sara, and son-in-law Lt. Commander Bryan Conlan, his grandchildren Hunter and August, and, especially, to Paul's wife, Cathy.

TRIBUTE TO CYRUS "RUSS"  
JOLLIVETTE**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Cyrus Jollivette or "Russ," as we knew him.

Russ was a dedicated Floridian with an extensive record of achievements. He held titles from Senior Vice President to Board Chairman for many state and national organizations and had an extensive record of work in causes as diverse as expanding educational opportunity, improving access to health care, helping minority men and women advance professionally, and strengthening the nonprofit community.

He was well known throughout Florida and Washington, D.C. for his commitment to these causes and to many colleges, universities, and other entities dedicated to the creation of opportunities for young people. He was especially recognized for his 24-year-long service to the University of Miami, for which he secured hundreds of millions of dollars of federal support for medical research, most notably for cancer, diabetes, and nursing, as well as cutting edge environmental health and marine sciences research and the University's internationally recognized North-South Center.

I knew Russ best, however, for his work to advance diversity and minority education and training. He stood for the development of educational opportunities for all, with particularly minority-serving historically black colleges and universities.

Russ was a generous and caring leader in philanthropy, having directed the University of Miami Foundation and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation, through which he was able to award millions of dollars to education, health access, and training initiatives. He played a major role in helping shape health policy at the local, state, and federal level.

He was committed to his home state of Florida and played a leading role rebuilding after Hurricane Andrew. His pride in his talented daughter and his two grandchildren, Lauren and Richard, was unbounded.

Mr. Speaker, Russ Jollivette was a trusted, respected, true friend and loved by family, friends, and whomever he came into contact. I ask the House to join me in celebrating this life well lived.

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**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 7, 2018, I missed votes because I was attending an event in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call votes no. 167 and 168.

## IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CHEYENNE, WYOMING

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the congregation of St. Mark's Episcopal Church on celebrating the church's 150th anniversary.

For years, St. Mark's has provided the Cheyenne, Wyoming community with a place to worship, meet, and serve the community. From their outreach activities to their strong education program, St. Mark's congregation has had a significant impact on the community, as well as others around the country and world. I thank them for their dedication to faith, to each other, and to helping those in need.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate St. Mark's Episcopal Church's congregation on celebrating its 150th anniversary. Members of the church have long served the community, and I thank them for continuing that tradition. I wish them all the best in future endeavors.

## CHRIS JORDAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

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

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

The dedication demonstrated by Chris Jordan 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 Chris Jordan 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.