

Richard Hill, William Hilgenberg, Ronald Hoagland, Robert Johnson, Ronald Klug, Terry Kramer, Lonnie Kruse, Darrel Kyger, Bertram Langeberg, Gerald Lauer, Jay Lee, James Lichty, Anthony Lucas, Thomas Mannix, Juan Martinez, Modesto Martinez, James McDaniel, Kenneth McDonald, Ronald McDuff, Phyllis Minch, Alfred Montoya, Thomas Moreno, Donald Morris, Stephen Morris, Dennis Moss, Joseph Muzy, Emery Patrick, Joseph Plummer, Steven Prater, Benjamin Prieb, Ronald Rains, Donald Ratliff, Richard Regan, Frederick Reiter, Thomas Robb, Bonnie Rohn, Fernando Romero Jr, Charles Rossi, Janice Schilling, Dennis Seitz, William Sladek, Michael Smith, Stephen Smith, Edward Snider Jr, John Tallman, Bruce Tibboel, Gary Todd, Gary Trippel, Billy Trobee, David Valdez, Wesley Van Pelt, Louis Velasquez, Stuart Veltkamp, Paul Wallace, Bryan Warwick, Tom Wasmer, Robert Watters, Steven Wilson, John Yost, William Young.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on passage of H.R. 5895 (Roll Call No. 257). Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on final passage.

H.R. 5895 is a consolidation of three appropriations bills, all which deserve individual consideration. The FY19 Energy and Water appropriations bill does little to protect our environment, cuts investment in clean energy initiatives, weakens safeguards to protect endangered species and makes drinking water less safe for children.

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IN HONOR OF REVEREND DR. KENNETH SAUNDERS, SR. AND FIRST LADY SHIRLEY HARRIS SAUNDERS

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise today to congratulate Rev. Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Sr. and his wife, First Lady Shirley Harris Saunders, as they celebrate their retirement. Dr. Saunders and Sister Shirley have dedicated nearly 30 years of service to North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey, and their leadership and commitment are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Dr. Saunders and Sister Shirley are devoted to their faith and community. Dr. Saunders is Treasurer of the New Jersey Annual Conference and First Episcopal District, a member of the Episcopal Committee for the African Methodist Episcopal Church and an officer on the Middlesex County Black Caucus. A dedi-

cated public servant and an active member of the community for years, he also previously served on the New Jersey State Parole Board, the New Brunswick Theological Seminary Board of Trustees and as Chaplain for the Piscataway Police Department and Council.

A community leader in her own right, Sister Shirley has also endeavored to improve the lives of others. Through her work with the New Jersey Conference Women's Missionary Society, the Nubian Sisters for Christ Ministry, the Shirley A. Saunders Youth Liturgical Dance Ministry, the North Stelton Scholarship Ministry, and many others, Sister Shirley has been a staunch advocate for youth and family issues. Her involvement with the New Brunswick Theological Seminary Ladies Auxiliary and the New Jersey Conference Women's Missionary Society, as well as other faith-based organizations, exemplifies her commitment to serving the Lord and community.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Kenneth Saunders and his wife, Sister Shirley Harris Saunders on their retirement and thanking them for their years of service and leadership to the North Stelton A.M.E. Church and the greater Piscataway community.

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TRIBUTE TO GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the entire California Republican Delegation to honor and pay tribute to former California Governor George Deukmejian, who passed away in Long Beach, California on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Deukmejian served the people of California in many ways throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

Deukmejian's parents, George Sr. and Alice Gairden, were Armenians who emigrated from the Ottoman Empire in the early 1900s to escape the Armenian Genocide. George Jr. was born on June 6, 1928, in Menands, New York. Deukmejian graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Siena College in 1949 and then earned a Juris Doctor from St. John's University in 1952. Shortly thereafter he served for two years in the U.S. Army, assigned to the Judge Advocate General's Corps. In 1955, Deukmejian moved to California and later met his future wife Gloria Saatjian. They married on February 16, 1957, and had three children.

Following a brief time in private law practice in Long Beach, Deukmejian entered politics and, in 1962, was elected to the California State Assembly. A few years later, Deukmejian was elected to the State Senate, where he would serve for twelve years and rise to become the Majority Leader. With a legacy of advocating for law and order, Deukmejian successfully ran for Attorney General in 1978. In 1982, Deukmejian was elected to his first term as Governor of California. He would later be re-elected to a second term in 1986. Throughout his time as Governor, Deukmejian was known as a fiscal conservative who was tough on crime and helped make the state economically competitive.

Along with the entire California Republican Delegation, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Deukmejian family, his friends,

and everyone who had the pleasure of serving with him. Although Governor Deukmejian may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in California will have a lasting impact.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2018, during consideration of H.R. 5895, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2019, I am recorded as voting 'aye' on roll call No. 246. On this vote, I was misreported. I duly intended to vote 'no' on roll call No. 246.

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IN RECOGNITION OF PAT MONTGOMERY FOR HER IMPACT ON MICHIGAN'S EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pat Montgomery for years of devoted and distinguished leadership as she is recognized by ATHENA International. Her service to her students has given them the confidence to go out into the community and make a difference.

ATHENA International was founded in 1982 by Lansing businesswoman Martha Mertz to honor the contributions of those who help woman to succeed. Ms. Mertz has long held the belief that it takes a village to help women in our communities thrive and has seen her small nonprofit grow exponentially over the years. Today, ATHENA International is a global organization that mentors and trains women in more than 500 cities and 8 countries around the world. The ATHENA Leaders of Huron Valley help develop and support women through various programming initiatives including entrepreneurial classes and one-on-one mentoring. The great work of Michigan's female leaders is honored at the ATHENA Awards each year. This year's winners include Pat Montgomery, an educator who sees endless potential in each one of her students.

Inspired to promote education in an unstructured setting, in 1967, Ms. Montgomery founded Clonlara School in Ann Arbor in an effort to further her vision of a school that allowed students the freedom to explore their interests in an intellectually stimulating learning environment. Initially consisting of only 8 students, Clonlara's education offerings have grown and expanded over the decades, and the school today runs a homeschooling program that serves students through international offices in Europe and Central America, as well as with online offerings. Ms. Montgomery was the driving force behind the conception and development of Clonlara, serving as a teacher, executive director and in other roles and has been fundamental to the school's longevity. Her efforts have created a lasting impact on the Michigan educational community and have bettered countless lives.