

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 267 and 268 on Friday, June 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

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HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on June 15, 2018, I was on personal medical leave and not present for the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: on Roll Call Vote 265, on Passage of H.R. 5788, the Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act, I would have voted Aye; on Roll Call Vote 266, on Passage of H.R. 5735, the THRIVE Act, I would have voted Present; on Roll Call Vote 267, on Agreeing to the Thornbury Amendment, I would have voted No; and on Roll Call Vote 268, on Passage H.R. 2851, the Stop the Importation and Trafficking of Synthetic Analogues Act, I would have voted No.

HONORING MARY SIMS-JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson who is currently the Executive Director of Madison County Citizens Services Agency in Canton, Mississippi, an Adjunct Graduate Professor at Jackson State University and an Independent Consultant.

Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson completed her Ph.D. in 2003 at Jackson State University in Social Work Administration, Policy and Planning. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Mental Health from Tougaloo College. She has over 40 years of Social Work experience in areas of Administration, Financial Management, Supervision, Field Instruction, Clinical, Grant Writing, Training and Program Development. She has received Regional and National Awards, Appointments and Special Recognitions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson.

IN MEMORY OF GOVERNOR
GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN (1928–2018)

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, on May 8th, one of California's best governors passed

on. George Deukmejian as Governor showed us how to power up an economy, unleash private enterprise, keep taxes at bay, keep violent criminals behind bars while turning the Golden State even more golden.

Like many Californians, George didn't come from our state. Rather, he headed west from his boyhood in New York to find opportunity, to earn his living, to dream the big dream and create a life for his wife Gloria and his kids George Jr., Leslie and Andrea.

He took a risk to head west and make a new life. Once he got to California he quickly excelled as an attorney, then moved on to make laws as well as enforce them. He was first elected to the California Assembly from his home town, Long Beach. The voters then moved him on to the State Senate. From there he was elected statewide to the office of Attorney General. In 1982, the strong, yet quiet-spoken man was elected Governor of California.

With George at the helm, California enjoyed a surge of new economic growth: Silicon Valley came into its own, churning out more chips and computers; Hollywood pumped out more movies and TV and other entertainment, agriculture produced more food that fed the country and indeed the world. And all the while, the California aerospace industry built the rockets that took us into space, and created state-of-the-art aircraft and high-tech innovations that continue to keep our nation safe and economically superior to all enemies and competitors.

George Deukmejian, however, shouldn't be judged only by the state's startling economic record while he was Governor of California. His understanding and commitment to the rule of law and respect for our traditions and rules of civility defined him as a person and as a public figure. George Deukmejian knew that peace and safety were prerequisites of a happy life. He was, indeed, tough on crime, but his motives were based on protecting victims, and yes, the innocent. But even though his call sign was the "Iron Duke", he was a leader with a good heart and a strong belief in American democratic ideals. It is often overlooked, for example, that Governor George Deukmejian led a fight in California to divest the state of assets tied to the racist apartheid government of South Africa.

This commitment to freedom was not an anomaly. George's family were survivors of the Armenian genocide of Ottoman Turkey. From the first-hand accounts of his family of this monstrous crime, he opened his eyes to the evil that plagues the world. The Deukmejian family found refuge in America to start a new life. George learned from his family's experience to look forward with optimism and embrace the goodness and gifts that America had to offer. "True North" was George's moral compass in governance, while principles and integrity were his twin anchors. Folks across the political spectrum admired him as a great political leader. From humble beginnings he became one of California's great governors. Former Governor Deukmejian lived in retirement in his modest home in Long Beach. We shall miss him and we are grateful for his lifetime of service. He made California and America a better place.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. My bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and the Section 8 housing program, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally funded public housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. The use of recreational and/or medicinal marijuana is currently legal in 29 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, the users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict current residents for drug use. Even the Food and Drug Administration has recently supported approving certain medication made from cannabis, including Epidiole, which would be administered as a syrup. Epidiole is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the drug does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in cannabis.

For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana laws. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with the state's marijuana laws.

Under my bill, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development must also develop regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and to the same locations as the Secretary restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted public housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, like the DOJ, should not be allowed to enforce federal marijuana laws where states have taken action to legalize marijuana. The Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act states that a person may not be denied federally assisted housing based on the use of marijuana in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal commitment, I was unable to vote on the following: Roll Call No. 267 and Roll Call No. 268.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

HONORING MR. SAL LUCIANO

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sal Luciano of Water-town, Connecticut, for his lifelong commitment to improving the lives of working women and men. For decades, Mr. Luciano has been a passionate advocate for state, county, and municipal employees across Connecticut. On this, the occasion of his retirement, I would like to take the opportunity to thank and recognize him for his tireless and effective efforts that have helped so many, especially those who might not be able to speak up for themselves.

Mr. Luciano began his career as a social worker for the State of Connecticut's Department of Children and Youth Services in 1980, investigating cases of abuse and neglect of children. Mr. Luciano was elected president of Local 2663, a Connecticut chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in 1989 based on his record of proven leadership. In 2001, Mr. Luciano was appointed Executive Director of Council 4 in 2001 and was subsequently elected to this position four times. In every one of these posts, Mr. Luciano has fought to ensure that dedicated public servants in Connecticut are treated with dignity and respect.

In addition to representing working families in Connecticut, Mr. Luciano also served on my Congressional Labor Advisory Board. In this capacity, Mr. Luciano worked with other community leaders to advise me on issues important to working people across Connecticut's Fifth District.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Luciano has spent the last 38 years being a powerful voice for children and working men and women. Sal is passionate, knowledgeable, and effective—A worthy opponent and a devoted friend. I thank him for his decades of hard work ensuring the protection and success of others, as well as his friendship and wise counsel to me. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Mr. Luciano here today.

HONORING DARNIKA MAYFIELD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Darnika Mayfield. Darnika has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

On March 6, 2018, Darnika Mayfield made history as the first female from Warren County to graduate from the Mississippi Highway Patrol Training Academy. A former Warren County sheriff's deputy who was the Sheriff's Deputy of the year in 2017.

A native of Tchula, Mayfield moved to Hollandale and then Vicksburg, where she has lived for the past 23 years. She worked as a

school bus monitor and teacher assistant in the GED program at the Vicksburg Warren School District's Alternative School before joining the sheriff's office, where she started working in the county jail. She worked in the courthouse for three years before deciding to join the Highway Patrol and attend the MHP Academy in Pearl.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Darnika Mayfield for her dedication to serving her community and desire to strive for success.

HONORING JIM SHRADER'S CAREER IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS' NEWS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Shrader from Madison County, Illinois upon his retirement from a long news and publishing career in Southern Illinois.

After attending Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Jim began building an impressive career. He started in advertising at the then-Granite City Journal and eventually became advertising director and publisher for the Alton Telegraph. Jim was also vice president of sales for Alton radio station WBGZ.

Jim saw first-hand how the delivery of daily news evolved in the Information Age. Through it all, he succeeded in his industry and served as a great example of leadership in the newsroom. For these reasons, I am proud to honor Jim Shrader for a great career with well-wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I were present, I would have voted NO on roll call number 234, ordering the previous question on H. RES. 918.

If I were present, I would have voted NO on roll call number 235 the rule for H. Res. 918.

If I were present, I would have voted no on roll call number 236.

If I were present, I would have voted yes on roll call number 237 the motion to recommit on H.R. 8.

If I were present, I would have voted yes on roll call number 238 to H.R. 8.

If I were present, I would have voted yes on roll call number 239 to H.R. 3249.

LISA LAMERE RETIRES AS SENIOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR CITY OF HESPERIA

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of City of

Hesperia Senior Economic Development Specialist Lisa Lamere, who will officially retire from her position on June 22, 2018.

Since her hiring by the City of Hesperia sixteen years ago, Lisa has worked to improve her city and community. During her time, she has attracted, retained, and helped to expand businesses that have opened or relocated to Hesperia. Additionally, she has worked on grant applications to successfully secure state, federal, and private funding for projects to improve everything from infrastructure to education. When she's not hard at work improving the business environment in Hesperia, Lisa is the President of the Mojave River Valley Horseman's Association.

Lisa has been a tremendous asset to City of Hesperia and the entire High Desert Community for well over a decade. I congratulate Lisa Lamere for her years of service and wish her the best in her retirement.

HONORING JESSICA HAYGOOD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Jessica Haygood is the daughter of Pearlie Haygood of Marks, Mississippi. She is a goal-oriented senior at Madison Shannon Palmer High School and has been an honor student since her freshman year. She is a cheerleader and a member of the Beta Club, Tri-County Workforce Alliance, Yearbook Committee, Student Council, and Lackey Scholar. She has received many awards and has been recognized for her outstanding academic performance through programs such as the ACT Scholars and Superintendent's List.

Jessica is an active member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Lambert, Mississippi. She is the Sunday School and Bible Class secretary, the sound room technician, and serves on both the praise dance team and mass choir. Occasionally, she teaches the youth Sunday school class.

Not only is she active in her school and church, but she also volunteers in her community. She assists classmates after school, volunteers at Mule Train festival events, tutors' students at Quitman County Elementary School, and is a member of the Reject all Tobacco volunteer group. She plans to obtain a degree in Biology at the University of Mississippi. Afterwards, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center and pursue a career in medicine. Jessica is an exceptional student and extraordinary young lady who desires to make a difference in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jessica Haygood as an extraordinary student who is goal oriented and making a difference in her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 15, 2018, I missed votes. Had I been