

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MS. FELICIA KAHN

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Felicia Kahn, a political activist for nearly 70 years who tirelessly fought for an array of causes, especially those that benefited women, and minorities. Ms. Kahn died on June 21, 2018 at the age of 91.

Ms. Kahn, who cast her first vote for Harry Truman when he won the presidency in 1948, worked last year in LaToya Cantrell's successful mayoral campaign. Ms. Kahn's work on Cantrell's campaign occurred shortly after she attended her tenth Democratic National Convention in 2016. At age 90, she was the second oldest delegate.

Ms. Felicia Schornstein was born on July 11, 1926. She graduated from Newman School and Newcomb College, where she majored in sociology. While in college, she joined the League of Women Voters of New Orleans and helped register women to vote.

After graduation, Ms. Kahn gained a job with the city Welfare Department, where she witnessed the problems stemming from segregation. She supported the integration of the league, and she worked with Betty Wisdom to create Carrolton Central, an organization that helped low-income residents in that part of the city get the services they needed.

Ms. Kahn left her city job when she married Mr. Charles N. Kahn, Jr., but she remained active in politics, serving as president of the League of Women Voters and as a board member.

Ms. Kahn, who became a real estate agent, worked in political campaigns and joined the league in lobbying for passage of the Equal Right Amendment. She also was a member of the Historic District Landmarks Commission and the Central Business District Landmarks Commission.

Ms. Khan was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Independent Women's Organization, the New Orleans Coalition, the National Women's Political Caucus, Common Cause, the Alliance of Concerned Taxpayers, and the Alliance for Affordable Energy.

Ms. Kahn ran unsuccessfully twice for a seat in the state House of Representatives, but she represented Louisiana as a delegate to the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977. She was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and the state Democratic Party gave her a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

Ms. Kahn was a giant in the city of New Orleans, and her work and passion gained her admiration throughout the country. One was never confused about her values or priorities, she was always in pursuit of the upward mobility and wellness of everyone. With her death, we lost a champion for the advancement of women, and our commitment should be to carry on that work with the same determination and vigor.

We will miss Ms. Kahn's passion and vitality. Our city and the nation is better off because of the work she carried out each day.

Ms. Khan is survived by her son, Charles N. "Chip" Kahn III of Arlington, Va; two daugh-

ters, Elizabeth Kahn of New Orleans and Felicia Kahn Michelson of Atlanta; a brother, Richard Schornstein of New Orleans; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Ms. Felicia Kahn.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on roll call No. 287 & No. 288. Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 287, I would have voted 'Yea'. Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 288, I would have voted 'Yea'.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call votes 269, 270, and 271 on June 19, 2018. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call vote 269, Yea on Roll Call vote 270, and Yea on Roll Call vote 271.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR.
PATRICK MASON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Patrick Mason who is retiring as president and CEO of the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy (CFEE) after more than 30 years of service. Dr. Mason is a legend in the field of environmental and economic policy.

Since 1984, Dr. Mason directed all foundation activities, including strategic planning, issues development, conferences and study travel projects. Under three decades of his direction, CFEE has been instrumental in making California a world leader in renewable energy, water conservation, and telecommunications.

Initiated in 1970, CFEE established itself as an independent, nonprofit institution that works to forge consensus on environmental, transportation, and economic growth issues. The foundation creates collaboration between state lawmakers and agencies, business, labor, and academic and community leaders in California.

Dr. Mason, who earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1978, served as president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Association of Business Economist, director of the California Security Bank, and ran an active consulting practice as a forensic economist.

Dr. Mason's many achievements include working as a research economist and re-

search director for the California Labor Federation at the AFL-CIO. Also, he was the chief economist for the Association of Bay Area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Patrick Mason as he begins a new chapter in his life. Dr. Mason's dedication and commitment over the last 30 years has left a lasting impact at CFEE. I wish he and his family continued health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes, as my flight back to Washington was delayed by five hours due to weather. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and YEA on Roll Call No. 271.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMIS-
SION HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Zoning Commission Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). Currently, the Commission consists of two federal officials (the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), or their designees) and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The federal officials are members even though the Commission has no authority over federal property.

Land use is a quintessential local matter in our country. Despite the D.C. Home Rule Act, which gave the District jurisdiction over its local matters, 40 percent of the members of the Commission are federal officials, who are unaccountable to the more than 700,000 residents who live in the District. The federal government would lose nothing as a result of this bill because the federal government's land-use interests in the nation's capital are protected by federal law and federal agencies.

The Commission creates the zoning maps and regulations, which must "not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the national capital." The mayor is responsible for the local elements of the comprehensive plan, subject to D.C. Council approval. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), which is the central federal planning agency for the federal government in D.C. and approves federal projects here, is responsible for the federal elements of the comprehensive plan. This bill would not alter the comprehensive plan process or the authority of NCPC and the Commission.

This bill would immediately remove the AOC and the Director of the NPS from the Commission, and the Commission would, at least initially, consist solely of the three mayoral appointees. The District would have the authority