

HONORING HENRY WHEELER ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mr. Henry Wheeler, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Sunday.

Henry was born and grew up in Buffalo, New York, in the midst of the Great Depression. He met and married his wife, Betty, just before leaving to serve his country in World War II.

During the war, Henry served as an intelligence specialist in a number of major campaigns in Europe. In one instance, he was captured and held captive by the Germans as he gave blood to a fellow officer. He was released after the Allies' victory in the Battle of the Bulge. As the Nazis surrendered, Henry was part of cleanup operations at Buchenwald, seeing firsthand the evidence of the Holocaust. For his service, he was awarded both the Bronze Star and the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal.

After the war, Henry returned home and cofounded Service Systems Corporation, which became a conglomerate of specialized service companies, employing approximately 5,000 people nationwide.

In 1967, he moved to Fort Lauderdale with Betty and their five sons.

He has always paid his success forward, making substantial charitable contributions to various causes. But in a testament to his character, he always made those donations anonymously.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Henry Wheeler and thanking him for his contributions to our country and south Florida.

Happy birthday, Henry.

COMMENDING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I want to commend our United States Department of Justice for reopening the Emmet Till murder case.

Emmet Till was a young man who was brutally murdered in Mississippi in 1955. The case that was brought to trial in Mississippi charged two White men who were identified by a Black one, one of Mr. Till's 14-year-old relatives. The all-White jury found them not guilty. Both men, looking back afterwards, said they did it, and nothing happened.

There have been lots of investigations about this, lots of reports, and the Justice Department has seized some "new evidence" to reopen the case. I commend our Justice Department.

While justice delayed is justice denied, justice, whenever it can be found in these civil rights cases, is appropriate and proper.

I thank the Department of Justice.

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM—NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE

(Mr. SOTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, on behalf of our central Florida community, I am proud to recognize the Orange County Library System for being the recipient of the Nation's 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

The Orange County Library System was selected from 29 national finalists to receive this prestigious medal. This is the highest honor given to libraries that make exceptional contributions to their communities through dynamic programming and services. It is a tremendous win for our community.

Orange County Library is bringing positive change to central Florida, and they are specifically being recognized for their work providing access to STEM education for children living in underserved communities, providing ESOL classes for adults and families, and their commitment to providing access to high-quality educational tools for children in Orange County's public school system.

I would like to recognize Mary Anne Hodel, Orange County Library System Library director and CEO, and Lisa Franchina, president of the library board of trustees, for their leadership and inspirational work; Erin Sullivan, Orange County Library System's public relations administrator, for taking the initiative of recognizing the great work of OCLS; and all the dedicated staff and volunteers of the library for their work in helping residents of central Florida to foster personal growth and development.

EUROPE SHOULD PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE FOR NATO

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, "This is no NATO for deadbeats," to quote Wesley Pruden of The Washington Times.

Some of our NATO allies are beside themselves over President Trump's calling out our NATO friends for not helping pick up the tab of 2 percent in military spending.

As a member of the U.S. NATO Parliamentary Assembly, I have been befuddled for years how some of the countries make excuses for not paying their committed share of NATO defense—defense against the Napoleon of Siberia, Putin.

Our ever-proper European friends may not remember that American teenagers went to war and shed blood two times in the last century to help save Europe. Well, Madam Speaker, Americans have not forgotten the American sacrifice in those lands over there.

It is time for all NATO countries to be as concerned about European defense as America is. If President Trump's comments irked the sensibilities of our allies, well, they should just get the message. It is time for NATO to buck it up and keep their word and help pay for our common defense.

And that is just the way it is.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. JONES (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of medical reasons.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on July 12, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 5956. To incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2122. To reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Jennings Randolph Dam.

H.R. 2292. To extend a project of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission involving the Cannonsville Dam.

H.R. 447. To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

H.R. 951. To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

H.R. 220. To authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 446. To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

H.R. 219. To correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska.

H.R. 4722. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 Market Street in Saugerties, New York, as the "Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building".

H.R. 3183. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the "U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Riggsby Post Office".

H.R. 1496. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3585 Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marvin Gaye Post Office".

H.R. 4646. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1900 Corporate Drive in Birmingham, Alabama, as the "Lance Corporal Thomas E. Rivers, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2673. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Broadway Street in Pekin, Illinois, as the "Lance Corporal Jordan S. Bastean Post Office".

H.R. 4301. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the "J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building".

H.R. 4406. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99