Loretta had that rare ability to serve as a bridge between the worlds of policy and research, and the everyday lives of the people she cared about most. She mentored hundreds of physicians, nurses, public health practitioners, social scientists and community members to do the same. Those people went on to become tenured faculty members at medical schools, state officials and senior advisors in Congress and the White House.

A native of Massachusetts, she earned a BA in psychology in 1963 and Master's degree in criminal justice in 1972, both from Northeastern University in Boston. She had been a community faculty member at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science since 2010. A former foster youth herself, she fostered 20 children in addition to raising her daughter. She made a real difference in the world during her 77 years.

Loretta always insisted that “Everyone deserves the right to live, everyone deserves good health care, and we are all responsible for making it happen.” I mourn her passing with all of those who loved her. I am grateful for her compassion, her dedication, and the work to which she dedicated her life: to empower families to lead truly healthy lives.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

**OF TEXAS**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

Ms. JACKSON LEE, Madam Speaker, on Monday, January 8, 2019, I was unavoidably detained attending to representational duties in my congressional district and was not present for Roll Call Votes 13, 14, and 15. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

- On Roll Call 13, I would have voted YEA on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 269, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019.
- On Roll Call 14, I would have voted YEA on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4406, H.R. 251, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act.
- On Roll Call 15, I would have voted YEA on Motion to Approve the Journal.

**CONGRATULATING CRAIG W. FLOYD ON HIS RETIREMENT AS CEO OF THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND**

**HON. PETER T. KING**

**OF NEW YORK**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

Mr. KING of New York, Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Craig W. Floyd, who retired on December 31, 2018 as the CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund after over 30 years of distinguished service.

Mr. Floyd has been a strong law enforcement advocate for over 40 years, beginning with the 10 years he served as Legislative Assistant for my late friend and decorated NYPD legend, Congressman Mario Biaggi. Mr. Floyd helped form the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund while he was Biaggi, serving as its CEO from the outset.

Under Mr. Floyd’s leadership the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund has gone above and beyond in its mission of telling the story of American law enforcement. Mr. Floyd oversaw the construction of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991. This monument contains the names of over 21,000 fallen law enforcement officers dating back to the first documented line of duty in 1781. Today, the Memorial Fund maintains the world’s most comprehensive database of police officers killed in the line of duty.

During his tenure Mr. Floyd has also overseen the enactment of a federal law authorizing all American flags to be flown at half-staff on “Peace Officers Memorial Day”; enactment of a federal law authorizing 500,000 commemorative silver dollars to be issued by the U.S. Mint honoring the service and sacrifice of America’s law enforcement officers and their families; publication of the book, To Serve and Protect; A Tribute to American Law Enforcement; 30 anniversaries and Vigil events honoring fallen police officers during the Memorial Fund’s signature event, National Police Week, which attract a crowd of 30,000; and the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum on September 13, 2007.

As the son of an NYPD officer, I commend Mr. Floyd on his outstanding contributions to the families of fallen police officer and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for Blue Line Bears.