

more. For 35 years she was one of my closest friends. We traveled together and Shirley's love for people always shined through wherever we went. She loved entertaining and her house became a gathering place for all the women she had mentored and empowered. No one could throw a party like Shirley and I'll remember many nights of food, drink and, most of all, lots of laughs and warm company in her home. She truly meant the phrase Your house is my house (*Su Casa es mi Casa*). She always said she adored my Tina Turner impression. I'll do it again for Shirley when I next see her.

I'll miss my dear friend, Shirley Rodriguez Remeneski. Her soul was infused with a passion for improving her community, for serving others and for strengthening New York. In every position she served, she brought a tireless commitment to positive change and an infectious energy that made those around her feel no obstacle was insurmountable. I send my prayers and thoughts to Shirley's family. May they take comfort in knowing our community mourns with them and that our city will continue paying homage to her myriad contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, due to logistical challenges, I unintentionally missed a roll call vote on H.R. 502. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 53.

IN HONOR OF CHRIS ARCHER FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CABARRUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Chris Archer for receiving the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

The Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador team is a group of highly visible, prestigious volunteers who serve as the Chamber's primary liaison to Chamber members and the community. They provide vital leadership by sharing their business insights and connections with members and represent the best the Chamber has to offer.

Since joining the Cabarrus Chamber two years ago, Mr. Archer understood that building relationships is the key to any successful business. As an Account Manager at Sharp Business Systems, he has seen success as a result of his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce. He is always ready to greet new members and promote the Chamber to non-members—he's one of the key reasons our Chamber has been so successful the past year.

Mr. Archer is deserving of this award and I wish him success as he continues to provide excellent service to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Chris Archer on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Home Rule Act, a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining authority on federal matters. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District should have the same authority that governors exercise over the National Guard in their states and territories. Each governor—including the governors of the three U.S. territories with Guards—has the authority to deploy the National Guard to protect his or her state or territory, just as local militia did historically.

The National Guards in the 50 states and territories operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President currently has the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for both national and local purposes. Today, by far the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters, such as hurricanes and floods, and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to federalize the D.C. National Guard for federal matters at will. It does no harm to give the mayor authority to deploy the Guard for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the deployment of their National Guards, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District, as chief executive, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of federal homeland security activities. My bill permits the mayor to deploy the D.C. National Guard only after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District that Congress began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority over District matters to an elected mayor and Council. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN HONOR OF TIM VAUGHN, THE 2019 DUKE ENERGY CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Timothy F. Vaughn for receiving the 2019 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

The Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award seeks out individuals who use their time, talent and compassion to positively impact the lives of others in their community or in the workplace. Recipients of the award help foster a culture of citizenship and service that acts as a catalyst for others to become involved in civic and social activities.

Even though he always puts others first, I can think of no one more deserving of recognition than Tim Vaughn. I've known Tim for over twenty years at this point—despite managing Hilbish Ford, one of the biggest car dealerships in the state, he's always found time to step up and lead our community. He's helped lead the Rotary Club, he's helped our children in both Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City Schools, and he's always been thoroughly involved with the Cabarrus Chamber.

Tim Vaughn truly represents the best our county has to offer, and I'm thrilled he is being recognized by Duke Energy and the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Timothy F. Vaughn on receiving the 2019 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK KELEHER FOR HIS INTERNSHIP WITH THE UNI-CAPITAL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Keleher. Jack has worked in my Washington, D.C. Congressional office as an intern through the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP) since January. I am so pleased to acknowledge his hard work and dedication.

Jack is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws at Deakin University in Victoria, where he is a Member of the Deakin Law Student's Society, the Law Institute of Victoria, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. He earned a certificate in Advanced Legal Research in 2017 and gained valuable experience as a legal caseworker, law clerk, and paralegal.

For the past 19 years, UCWIP has paired students from nearly a dozen partner universities in Australia with offices on Capitol Hill, giving them the opportunity to work in the halls