

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes from February 25th through February 28th due to my father's passing. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 88, 89; YEA on Roll Call No. 94; YEA on Roll Call No. 95; NAY on Roll Call No. 99; and NAY on Roll Call No. 103.

HONORING ARCHIE ARCHULETA

HON. BEN MCADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Utah's finest. On January 25th, Utah lost Archie Archuleta—a longtime community activist. Archie was a shining beacon of hope, leading by example on how to be a champion for marginalized groups and for the causes of civil liberties and peace in the State of Utah. He believed that "truth needs witnesses" and each person's voice matters.

Archie was born near Grand Junction, Colorado, the child of farm workers who picked sugar beets, lettuce and other crops. After getting his bachelor's degree in education, he came to Salt Lake to teach elementary school. He met the love of his life, Lois, and together they raised five children.

Archie served as president of the Coalition of La Raza for nine years and for his work on behalf of the Latino Community, he was recognized by many for his efforts.

I'll always remember Archie's calls and visits to my office to share his thoughts and advice. He cared deeply about our community and worked hard to make all of us better. I was inspired by Archie's fiery speeches at public rallies and humble mentorship in more private moments.

Archie was someone bigger than life—a man who left his mark on so many of the people with whom he came in contact. We mourn his passing but celebrate the legacy of this fierce advocate and gentle teacher.

CONGRATULATING DR. RICHARD PEARL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Richard Pearl for his retirement as Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. Dr. Pearl is currently the director of Surgical Simulation at the Jump Simulation and Education Center at OSF HealthCare and is completing a long career of service through medicine.

Dr. Richard Pearl began his distinguished career after he received a medical degree from Wright State University in 1980. Dr. Pearl

first gained experience as a Surgical Intern at Madigan Army Medical Center prior to completing his residency at Harvard Surgical Service in Boston, and a fellowship focused on Pediatric Surgery in Toronto, Canada. In addition to these outstanding achievements, Dr. Pearl honorably served our nation as a Colonel in the U.S. Army. He began his military service as an infantry officer and helicopter pilot before joining the Army Medical Corps. In the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Pearl served in Operation Desert Storm as Deputy Commander of a Combat Support Hospital and Commander of a Forward Surgical Team in Saudi Arabia and Iraq. This extraordinary service earned Dr. Pearl many recognitions and accolades, including three Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal for Valor. I would like to wish Dr. Pearl well as he begins his well-earned retirement.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Dr. Richard Pearl that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Dr. Richard Pearl on his retirement and thank him for his service to our country.

KATY HIGH SCHOOL DEBATER MAKES HISTORY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chandler Scott of Katy, TX for advancing to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Congressional Debate.

Chandler is the first UIL Congressional Debate qualifier in the history of Katy High School. In the competition, Chandler will play the role of a mock legislator. Students work hard to prepare their bills and resolutions, which they then debate with their competitors as they work toward passing laws. Although he has already made history, Chandler says that there is no added pressure on his performance. Instead, he is proud to represent his school at the competition. Chandler, whose mother is a 1984 refugee from Afghanistan, says her work ethic and perseverance helped shape him into the person he is today.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Chandler Scott of Katy, TX. We are proud of this accomplishment and wish him well at the contest.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAW PROFESSOR THOMAS L. SHAFFER

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Notre Dame Law School Professor Thomas L. Shaffer, a true icon who passed away last week. Tom Shaffer was a teacher, mentor and friend to generations of Notre Dame Law students. I was privileged to be one of those stu-

dents whose life and career benefitted so much from that experience.

Tom Shaffer began his teaching career at Notre Dame in 1963 after graduating from the Law School two years earlier. Besides his ability in the classroom Professor Shaffer served as Dean from 1971–1975 and was a renowned legal ethics scholar and prolific legal author having written more than 300 scholarly works.

Most important was Tom Shaffer's lasting impact on so many students to whom he imparted his dedication to strong legal thinking and analysis founded on ethics and moral responsibility.

Tom Shaffer was a good man and that goodness is being reflected in the outpouring of statements from so many of his former students since his death. All of us have Tom Shaffer in our thoughts and prayers and send our sincerest condolences to his wonderful wife Nancy and their children and grandchildren.

Professor Tom Shaffer R.I.P.

IN HONOR OF MARGIE WILSON BRIDGES

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Margie Wilson Bridges, a constituent who passed away on January 4, 2019. The daughter of the late T.B. and Lorene Morris Wilson, she was also preceded in death by her infant brothers, Thomas Daniels Wilson and Steven Morris Wilson. She is survived by her cherished husband of fifty-six years, Gary Bridges and her beloved children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was devoted to her family, and her warmth and compassion were without measure. She is remembered for the many and generous contributions she made to her family, friends, and her community. Margie Wilson Bridges will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by her remarkable presence.

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HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, February 25, 2019 I am not recorded on two votes because I was unavoidably detained due to weather impacting my commercial flight.

If I had been present, I would have voted: yes, on Roll Call 88 and on Roll Call 89.

FINDLAY NAMED TOP MICROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Findlay, Ohio for being recognized as