

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

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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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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. LATTI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

the Top Micropolitan Community in the United States for the fifth year in a row. The issuing magazine, *Site Selection*, announced the 2019 award by describing Findlay as “being propelled into superstar status.”

To be considered, a micropolitan city must have a population ranging from 10,000 to 50,000. Over 500 of these cities were evaluated on business growth and economic sustainability. With Findlay's 23 projects that met *Site Selection's* criteria, it surpassed the competition and secured the “five-peat.”

Fostering a cooperative environment between the community, business, and local government has allowed for continued economic growth in Findlay. This success would not be possible without the commendable efforts of the Findlay government, the Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development office, the Hancock County Commissioners, and the entire Findlay community.

Madam Speaker, Findlay has routinely served as an example of what a strong community and a commitment to its prosperity can do by implementing their renowned “Findlay Formula.” This formula continues to pay dividends and serves as an example to cities across the country.

I congratulate Findlay for another year as the nation's top-ranked Micropolitan Community.

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics who prepared this statement for me in acknowledgement of Black History Month.

Minority populations, especially the African American population, continue to remain in relatively poor health when compared to the majority population, and also continue to be underserved by the health care system.

One of the biggest health challenges facing our country today is obesity, and the African

American community is especially at risk. In a 2015–2016 study by the CDC, the report found non-Hispanic black (46.8 percent) adults had a higher prevalence of obesity than non-Hispanic white adults (37.9 percent).

Compared to other states, Illinois' obesity rate is a significant area of concern, with 31.1 percent adults having obesity. This statistic is higher than the U.S. median.

Illinois has the twenty-seventh highest adult obesity rate in the nation, and the seventh highest obesity rate for youth ages 10 to 17.

Chicago's African American community is the demographic with the highest obesity rate at 39.8 percent.

With such a high percentage of the African American community falling in the obese category, the demographic runs a higher risk for obesity-related conditions, including heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer that are some of the leading causes of preventable, premature death. Compared to the general population, African Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes.

Adult Illinoisans with hypertension is 32.32 percent, while 11 percent have diabetes—both illnesses directly related to obesity.

13.2 percent of all African Americans aged 20 years or older have diagnosed diabetes.

African Americans are 1.7 times more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites.

African-Americans are significantly more likely to suffer from blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure in African Americans. African Americans are twice as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes as Caucasians.

Approximately 4.9 million African Americans over 20 years of age are living with either diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes.

African Americans constitute more than 35 percent of all patients in the U.S. receiving dialysis for kidney failure, but only represent 13.2 percent of the overall U.S. population.

High blood pressure is the second leading kidney failure among African Americans, and remains the leading cause of death due to its link with heart attacks and strokes.

With these troubling statistics, where do we go from here? Awareness, education, and ac-

cess are the keys to changing our nation's health. And food and nutrition practitioners play a very important role in leading the health revolution.

Obesity is partially attributed to poor nutritional intake and has been implicated as a contributor to cancer, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Food and nutrition practitioners have an opportunity and an ethical obligation to positively influence the health care experience of individuals.

These experts have the power to influence factors affecting health disparities at the individual and the population level, including programs such as SNAP, WIC, adult care food programs, and other nutrition programs. By connecting with individuals who are most at risk, food and nutrition practitioners can make a huge change when it comes to the health of African Americans, as well as all Americans.

CELEBRATING THE DANVILLE- BOYLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Danville-Boyle Chamber of Commerce 100-year celebration.

I am proud to represent the City of Danville and Boyle County in Congress. Danville is one of the most vibrant communities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, boasting a family-friendly environment with many thriving businesses. Danville has been named the Most Beautiful Small Town in America and one of the best places to retire in America. This would not be possible without the great work of the Danville-Boyle Chamber of Commerce, which has supported the local business community for 100 years.

I want to congratulate the Danville-Boyle Chamber of Commerce for their success and commitment to the Danville community over the last century. Here's to the next 100 years.