

United States Code. He also has drafted untold numbers of Jones Act waivers covering every imaginable type vessel, ownership scenario, and vessel history.

On the Natural Resources Committee, I was particularly appreciative of his work on the 1996 update of the National Wildlife Refuge System organic statute during my first term as Chairman. He also worked on the first update of the hydrographic surveying laws in half a century, the Hydrographic reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and multiple Coastal Barrier Resources System Act amendments, including the provision that led to the digitization of the Coastal Barrier Resource system maps.

Of course, as the Congressman for All Alaska, I appreciate Hank's work on legislation related to numerous Alaska maritime and terrestrial issues, including the environmental restoration and land transfers on the Pribilof Islands.

Hank is a proud University of Michigan grad, and graduated from Tulane Law School in New Orleans.

Again, I want to thank Hank for his long and excellent service to Congress, and I am sure I am speaking for a long line of current and former Committee chairmen who share those thanks. I wish Hank and his wife, who is also retiring for Federal Service this spring, a long and happy retirement. I hope that will include a trip to Alaska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 3, 2019 during roll call no. 144, on ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 145, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 281, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 146, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 271, Condemning the Trump Administration's Legal Campaign to Take Away Americans' Health Care. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 147, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Jeffries of New York Part B Amendment No. 1, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 148, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Scanlon of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 2, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 149, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Waters of California Part B Amendment No. 7, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 150, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Wagner of Missouri Part B Amendment No. 10, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY STUDENT PEACE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2019 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The Fairfax County Student Peace Awards began with one high school in 2006 to encourage high school aged students to think about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peacemakers. By 2013, the program was being offered in every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as in three private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior, or one student group active in promoting peace and/or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include: committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally, seeking to discuss or otherwise resolve potentially controversial issues within the school or community, promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge language, ethnic, racial, religious, gender, sexual orientation, or class differences, and working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of this year's Student Peace Award winners: Kora Coker, Annandale High School; Nick Price, Cedar Lane High School; Deepika Joshi, Centreville High School; Yahang "Annie" Wang, Chantilly High School; Lara Demir, Fairfax High School; Delina Kiflom, Hayfield Secondary School; Lydia Goff, Herndon High School; Kamila Elyazgi, King Abdullah Academy; Sumaiya Hague, Langley High School; Oscar Manuel Lopez Hernandez, Lee High School; Hannan Mumtaz, Madison High School; Luka Gabitsinashvili, George C. Marshall High School; Neha Rana, McLean High School; Burhan Ahmed, Mount Vernon High School; Romina Soleimani, Mountain View High School; Lauren Haymes, Quander Road School; Sophia Liao, South Lakes High School; Angie Sohn, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Diana Argueta, West Potomac High School; Laura Kirk, West Springfield High School; Maxihikio (Makee) Neves, Westfield High School; Xuan Huynh, W.T. Woodson High School.

Madam Speaker, the efforts of these young people are the building blocks of a more peaceful and tolerant world. I commend them on their efforts and dedication, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each award recipient and thanking them as well as Fairfax County Public School System and sponsor organizations for all they have done for our community.

HONORING FRANCISCO HSIEH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fran-

cisco Han Ping Hsieh, who passed away on March 26, 2019 at the age of 85. Mr. Hsieh played an important role in the Asian-American community in California for more than 50 years.

Mr. Hsieh was born in Hubei, China on October 14, 1933. After his graduation from Soochow University in 1959, he worked as a journalist, which eventually brought him to San Francisco in 1965. There, he was employed as a correspondent for Central Daily News, until he went on to serve as publisher and editor at Kiu Kwong Newspaper and Chinese Commercial News.

Following his successful career in journalism, Mr. Hsieh opened Hunan Village Restaurant in San Francisco, bringing the cuisine of his childhood to the city he had grown to love. He shared his passion for Chinese cuisine widely, teaching cooking classes at City College of San Francisco and assisting in the development of other Chinese restaurants in the area.

Following the closure of his restaurant in 1987, Mr. Hsieh pivoted his attentions once again, working on the campaigns of several California politicians, including former Congressman Mike Honda, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, and former Governor Gray Davis. Mr. Hsieh also served on the California Acupuncture Board, the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, the California State Friendship Committee, and the Chinese American Democratic Club.

In every part of his life, whether publishing a weekly newspaper, bringing Hunan cuisine to a new audience, or political activism, Francisco Hsieh spent his life sharing the subjects he was passionate about to a wider audience, welcoming new members into a vibrant and robust community that he helped build. Mr. Hsieh was a central figure in the Asian-American community in California for more than half of a century. It is my honor today to pay tribute to his memory and his enduring legacy.

COOPER BIGELOW

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cooper Bigelow for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Cooper is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Cooper is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cooper Bigelow for this well-deserved recognition.