

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CINCO DE MAYO

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the holiday of Cinco de Mayo commemorating the victory of the Mexican Army 1862 over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War.

The fifth day of May, or Cinco de Mayo, is a special day because it represents the importance of freedom, liberty and determination for the people of Mexico and for Mexican-Americans.

It was on that day, May 5, 1862, that untrained, outnumbered, and outgunned Mexican forces—determined to protect their land—successfully defended the town of Puebla against the French.

The quest for an independent Mexico started on September 16, 1810, when the people of Mexico, following the will to become a free nation, refused to submit to Spanish rule.

The struggle went on for 10 years.

Finally, in 1821, the first independent Mexican government was established.

But being an independent nation was not easy.

Over the years, Mexico received economic support from several nations, France and England among them.

Later on, even Spain supported the new country.

Thus, Mexico became heavily indebted to foreign powers.

Due to ongoing political unrest caused by many groups struggling for power, Mexico was not able to pay back the loans.

On July 17, 1861, President Benito Juarez issued a moratorium in which all-foreign debt payments would be suspended for a period of two years, with the promise that after this period, payments would resume.

In 1862, France, Spain, and England dispatched their fleets to Mexican shores pursuing not only money but also land rights as payment for their loans.

A government representative greeted them and explained that Mexico acknowledged its debts but had no funds to pay them.

They were offered payment warrants in exchange.

The Spaniards and the British decided to accept the warrants and withdrew from the scene.

But the French government's representative did not accept the offer and ordered his troops to invade the country and head toward Mexico City, the nation's capital.

They had to cross through the state of Puebla to get to the capital.

Mexican President Benito Juarez reacted immediately and prepared the defense.

He commanded Ignacio Zaragoza, a young and brave General, to fortify the City of Puebla and repel the French invaders.

The battle was by no means even.

France, under Louis Napoleon's rule, had the world's most powerful army, and sent more than six thousand men to invade Mexico.

But the courage and the love of freedom impelled the Mexican people to fight back.

General Ignacio Zaragoza led 5,000 ill-equipped Mestizo and Zapotec Indians called Zacapoaxtlan.

On the 5th of May 1862, the forts of Loreto and Guadalupe, in the city of Puebla, became the scene of the historic defeat of the great army of France.

Against overwhelming odds, they managed to drive the enemy back, achieving a total victory over the best trained and equipped soldiers in the world and ending the era of European domination of the Americas.

For Mexico, this day has come to represent a symbol of Mexican unity.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is also a celebration of the rich cultural heritage Mexican Americans have brought to the United States.

Hispanics are the fastest growing minority group in the United States.

According to the most recent data available, the estimated Hispanic population in the U.S. is 57.5 million—constituting 17.8 percent of our nation's population.

Hispanics now own a record number of small businesses—1.6 million, with annual revenues of more than \$221 billion.

Small businesses create two-thirds of American jobs, and the fastest-growing small business sector is Latino-owned firms.

Today, there are 40 Hispanic Members in the United States Congress, including 4 Senators and 36 House Members, many of whom are Mexican-American, representing constituencies in all regions of the country, from California to New York, from Arizona to Illinois, from Colorado to Florida.

These gains and numbers tell us that Hispanics are a driving force in our country—economically, socially and politically.

Hispanics share the common goals with all other Americans of freedom, opportunity, and a chance to build a better life.

In pursuing these aspirations, Hispanics have made important contributions to life in the United States in the fields of culture, sports, entertainment, business enterprise, science, politics and others.

Today, millions of Americans will join our neighbors to the south in celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

On this day, we are reminded that all people—regardless of their race, color, or gender—have enriched cultures and are worthy of respect and self-determination.

I am happy to be here today to celebrate this momentous day and to recognize the values, traditions, and positive contributions of the Mexican culture.

HONORING ORANGE COUNTY POLITICAL LEGEND FRANK BARBARO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Frank Barbaro, of Orange County, a prominent attorney, humanitarian and a political legend. Mr. Barbaro passed away on April 15th.

Born in Detroit, Michigan of Italian-English-Irish parents and raised by his mother and grandmother, the family, arrived in Orange County in 1954, exactly 65 years ago, settling in the City of Garden Grove.

After attending Garden Grove High School, Mr. Barbaro attended the University of Southern California and graduated Magna Cum Laude with his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in June of 1965. In June of 1965, Mr. Barbaro was accepted to law school at the University of Southern California and graduated in 1968. During law school, Mr. Barbaro was awarded the Warner Trust Grant, he was a Bauer Fellow and received the Legion Lex Scholarship.

During college Mr. Barbaro worked as a life-guard at the Disneyland Hotel and the Balboa Bay Club and later worked as "Fearless Frank" on the Disneyland Jungle Cruise as a skipper/narrator. Mr. Barbaro was Walt Disney's favorite jungle cruise narrator and allowed him to escort John Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger and many other celebrities through the Jungle Cruise.

In 1977, Mr. Barbaro was one of the founding partners of Horton, Barbaro & Reilly and practiced as a partner until its dissolution in 2005. Mr. Barbaro has practiced in all areas of civil litigation. Mr. Barbaro has been involved in many high-profile cases including representing the 23,000 investors in Lincoln Savings against Charles Keating and victims of the MGM Grand Hotel Fire in Las Vegas.

Taking over from Richard J. O'Neill, Mr. Barbaro initially chaired the Democratic Party in 1977–78 at the ripe old age of 34. During these two years Mr. Barbaro ran a registration campaign for voters that resulted in a Democratic majority in Orange County for the only time in modern history. Mr. Barbaro was also responsible for the creation of the Democratic Foundation of Orange County.

Mr. Barbaro has served in many positions with the Democratic Party of Orange County or the Democratic Foundation of Orange County. He returned to the role of Chairman of the DPOC from 2003 until 2013, becoming the longest serving chair in the DPOC's history. During that time, Mr. Barbaro invested his own money to bring in a professional staff and set the foundation that would lead to the Orange County "Blue Wave" of 2018.

Mr. Barbaro was named chair to the Orange County campaigns of many prominent elected officials, including President Barack Obama,

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President Jimmy Carter, Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator John Kerry, and Secretary Hillary Clinton.

Mr. Barbaro's proudest accomplishment are his two sons, Brett and Casey. His oldest, Brett, graduated from Harvard in biochemistry is working at Scripps in La Jolla mapping atoms and cells in a worldwide network to find a cure for devastating diseases. His youngest son, Casey, graduated from Stanford, attended Albert Einstein School of Medicine, graduating Alpha Omega Alpha, and is now a lead trauma surgeon at Ventura County Hospital.

Frank Barbaro is truly a legend in the history of Orange County and I am proud to honor my good friend, Frank Barbaro, a giant among men.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND
JASPER R. BROWN, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today, to pay tribute to a man of God, respected public servant, and dear friend of longstanding, Reverend Jasper R. Brown, Sr. Sadly, Reverend Brown transitioned from labor to reward on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. His funeral service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at Live Oak A.M.E. Church in Donalsonville, Georgia.

Rev. Jasper Ross Brown, Sr. was born in Malone, Florida on September 17, 1925, to the union of Reverend David Rufus Brown and Mrs. Torah Bowers Brown. The values of Christian discipleship and hard work were instilled in Jasper at a young age. After completing primary school in the Jackson County, Florida Public School System, he began working under his father and developed the discipline, work ethic, and joy that came with farming and being exposed to the Gospel. Because manhood was thrust upon him at an early age, he only finished eighth grade, but was an avid reader, highly intelligent, and had a love for learning. Hence, as an adult, while working full-time at Great Southern Plywood Mill in Cedar Springs, Georgia, and supporting his family, he went back to school taking high school classes in Tallahassee, Florida and earned his GED.

Jasper Brown answered the call to serve his nation at the age of 18, becoming the first African-American from Seminole County, Georgia to be inducted into the United State Marine Corps. He was trained as a member of the historic Montford Point Marines and fought in the gruesome Battle of Peleliu in Japan during World War II. More than 50 years later, he and all of the Montford Point Marines, the first African-Americans allowed to serve in the Marine Corps, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Barack Obama recognizing their personal sacrifice and service to their country during World War II.

When Jasper Brown returned home from World War II, within a few days of his return, he met and shortly thereafter married Ruby Moore Brown, a union which lasted for 53 years until Ruby's death in May, 2001. Jasper and Ruby had 10 children, seven of whom predeceased them.

A man of many trades, he explored the realm of real estate in the Donalsonville area before taking classes to obtain his GED. During this time, he used his voice to help improve the working conditions for the employees at the Great Southern Plywood Mill in Cedar Springs, Georgia, where he helped organize and form a union to protect employees' rights to a fair wage, fair pensions, insurance, and overall fair treatment. He mentored others and was often a voice for the voiceless and was never reluctant to challenge injustice in the workplace or anywhere people sought his help for unfair treatment. He was elected and served honorably as the first Black City Councilman in the City of Donalsonville, Georgia.

In October 1977, Jasper Brown accepted his calling into the ministry to preach the word of God, and for 30 years, he pastored in the African Methodist Episcopal Church under the jurisdiction of the South and Southwest Georgia Conferences.

His pastoral ministry included Whigham Circuit & Little Bethel A.M.E. Church, South Georgia Conference; Hilton Circuit, Southwest Georgia Conference; Newberry A.M.E. Church, Southwest Georgia Conference; Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church, Southwest Georgia Conference; Aimwell A.M.E. Church, Southwest Georgia Conference; and Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, Southwest Georgia Conference. After briefly retiring to rediscover his love of farming, Rev. Brown was called back to the church and assigned to Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Hilton, where he pastored for another four years before completely retiring in December, 2011.

On a personal note, I am proud to have considered Rev. Jasper Brown, his late wife, Ruby Moore Brown, and the entire Brown and Moore Families as friends of longstanding. Their daughter, Alice, interned at the Georgia General Assembly while I was serving in the State House and she was a student at the University of Georgia. Through her, I eventually met the family, as attorney for her mother, the sister of the renowned Dr. Dallas Moore. Mrs. Ruby Brown had been seriously injured in a motor vehicle crash in Seminole County. My relationship with the Brown and Moore families has endured for over 3 decades and has been pivotal in my career and political success. I will be forever grateful for their friendship and support.

Rev. Brown accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his family as well as the countless others who impacted his life. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the lives of his children: Jasper, Jr., Derrell, Alice, Kendra, Deborah, Angela, Annette, and Anthony; brother, Virgil; sixteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins; personal assistant, Ms. France Land; friend and companion, Ms. Petronia "Sweet" Mike; and countless other family and friends; all of whom will miss him deeply.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Jasper R. Brown, Sr. for his outstanding accomplishments in the ministry and his service to humankind. Moreover, we extend our deepest sympathies to Reverend Brown's family, friends, loved ones, and all

who grieve during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

CONGRESSIONAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Eight years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing across-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Detective Ben Lubrano, Lieutenant Arlene Tracy, Sergeant Ivan Nelson of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Brian Hall and Officer Michael Walker of Holmes Beach Police Department, Officer Patrick Mahoney of the Bradenton Police Department and Lieutenant Mark Morie of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Career Service Award: Sergeant John Negron of the Bradenton Police Department, Detective Anthony DeFrancisco of the Sarasota Police Department, Detective Derek Pollock of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department and Sergeant Todd Bergman and Corporal Kimber Benavidez of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Preservation of Life Award: Mr. Harry Mofield (civilian) nominated by Manatee County Sheriff's Office and Sergeant Rob Hendrickson of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit: Lieutenant Chris Montalbano, Sergeant Scott Huber, Sergeant Rob Jovanovski, Detective Eric Griffin, Detective Lyle Kennedy, Detective Ralph Manzano, Detective Michele Pufnock, Detective Jason Smith, Detective Erica Dawson, Detective Mark Eve, Detective Chandler Hartman, Detective Dominic Makowiecki, Detective Kyle Pfender, Detective Adam Shaw, Detective Brian Keane, Detective Ronald Koenig, Crime Analyst Natalie Johnson-Mayer.

Bradenton Police Department Social Media Group: Captain Brian Thiers, Rose Hedberg, Emily Bibb, and Detective Frank Coleman.

Sarasota Police Department's SWAT Unit: Lieutenant Kenneth Rainey II, Lieutenant Michael Schwieterman, Sergeant Jeffery Ball, Sergeant Tyler Rossnagle, Sergeant Dwayne

Shellhammer, Officer Helios Blanco, Officer Kevin Campbell, Officer Sean Carter, Detective Patrick Comac, Officer Terry Crenshaw, Officer Nicholas Dominis, Detective Dustin Luciano, Detective Gary McDowell, Officer Jacob Nelson, Officer Michael Schultz, Officer Michael Skinner, Officer George Terris II, Officer Jonathan Misiewicz.

Sarasota Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team: Sergeant Tammy Featherstone, Officer Luis Paris, Officer Michael Dreznin, Officer Matthew Grochowski, and Officer Aaron Stoll.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Corporal Angel Uruchima and Officer Madison Peters of Palmetto Police Department, Sergeant Orval Walker, Deputy Jeffery Cowling, Deputy Gerrod Huff, Deputy Kenneth Jewett, and Deputy Rodney Norris, Deputy Richard Young, Deputy Krystal Carpenter and Deputy Peter Papas of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANNE
HAYES-WHITE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joanne Hayes-White as she responds to her final call as Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department. Chief Hayes-White will be retiring after 29 years with the department. Hers is a long and storied career that spans the transformation of the department from an all-male bastion to a modern department in which merit is measured by your capacity to save lives and property through working as part of a team, and celebrating the differences that make this nation great.

Joanne Hayes-White was born in San Francisco. She graduated from the University of Santa Clara with a degree in business and immediately applied to the San Francisco Fire Department. She was hired in April of 1990. She climbed the career ladder almost as quickly as the ladder on a truck. In 1993 she was promoted to Lieutenant and in 1996 to Captain. Also in 1996, she was assigned as the Acting Battalion Chief with oversight of the department's dispatch and communications systems. The department selected Battalion Chief Hayes-White to oversee the installation of the Computer-Aided Dispatch system (CAD) and the Automated Information System (AIS). Along the way, Chief Hayes-White combined the communications functions of police, fire, and emergency response, improving response times and inter-agency communications.

Firefighters live and die based in part on their training. As Director of Training, Joanne Hayes-White developed the Battalion-Based In Service Training Program which almost tripled the number of formal training hours for all members of the department, with almost no fiscal impact. As Chief, she has implemented random on-duty alcohol and drug testing, reconfigured emergency medical services, and restored promotional exams, all steps that have increased accountability within the department.

The fire department is noticeable in the community through the training of civilians and even school children. Ninth graders in San

Francisco learn CPR. The department is committed to reducing pedestrian deaths and works to right-size equipment to San Francisco's streets.

In April of 2010, the Chief was offered a fellowship to attend the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. It was an investment in excellence, as evidence a few years later. In August 2018, Chief Hayes-White was named as the 2018 Career Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

San Francisco is a complex city to protect. The department's personnel are famous for valor and for protecting the forty-nine square miles of dense community that constitutes the city. The fire department goes beyond fighting fires and preventing death and injury due to medical emergencies. Under Chief Hayes-White's leadership, the department was a leader in environmental and sustainability initiatives, such as transitioning the fleet to renewable diesel, composting and recycling.

It has been a privilege to work with Joanne Hayes-White during my time in the State Legislature and in Congress and to call her a dear friend. She is an inspiration to girls and young women throughout San Francisco. She has attended multiple of my When I Grow Up events and spoke before 600 girls and family members at Grenentech. During her remarks, she noted that it was not easy to make her way in the 1990's-era department. The department only began hiring women in 1987. As of 2017, 30 years later, 15% of firefighters were women. Yet the department is also a close-knit community. Even as Chief, she knows every firefighter by name.

As a human being, Joanne Hayes-White excels. Her ready smile, respect for traditions that strengthen the department, and love of community are second to none. She is a native of San Francisco's winding streets, fog-shrouded hills and beautiful beaches. She has managed the department when its budget was cut and fought hard to get positions and capabilities restored as the economy recovered. We are all safer because Chief Hayes-White assumed the helm of the San Francisco Fire Department.

Now, it's time for Joanne to take time to smell the roses. She will see more of her sons Riley, age 25, Logan, age 21, and Sean, age 19. They grew up with the department with her, and now they get to reclaim some of the time she offered to the city by the bay.

For those of us who have lived in and grown up around San Francisco, there are two bells that immediately trigger an image of the city that we love: Cable car bells and the bell at the fire house as another rescue commences. San Franciscans are proud of both. For 29 years, they've had Chief Hayes-White to respond to the fire house bell. Sláinte mhaith, Chief Hayes-White. We are all deeply grateful for a job so well done.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 veterans

from Tennessee who visited Washington, D.C., on May 1, 2019, with Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, I was honored to welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

As a new Member of Congress, this marked the first time I have had the privilege of meeting with an Honor Flight from Tennessee. I was pleased to welcome several veterans on this flight who were from the district I represent, the Sixth District of Tennessee. They were: Earl E. Higley, U.S. Army; Jimmie M. Pritt, U.S. Air Force; Glenn Wade Bennett, U.S. Army; John Anthony Jones, U.S. Army; Billy R. McElhaney, U.S. Navy; C. M. Tosh, U.S. Army; Joseph P. Clark, U.S. Marine Corps; Daniel N. Lynch, U.S. Navy; William T. Cook, U.S. Navy; LeGrand Dawes, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps; James Franklin Shields, U.S. Army; Richard T. Sain, U.S. Air Force; John Wayne Pullen, U.S. Army; Bienvenido V. Hassell, U.S. Air Force; and Virgil C. Morgan, Jr., U.S. Navy.

Also on this flight were: Joe J. Sage, U.S. Army; Randy G. Lancaster, U.S. Marine Corps; Gerald Joseph Guerin, U.S. Army; John Floyd Cole, Jr., U.S. Air Force; Johnny Jaco, U.S. Navy and U.S. Army; Johnnie Louis Walker, U.S. Army; Bobbie L. Swinea, U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force; Jack L. Giddens, Jr., U.S. Navy; Joseph Karl Pehm, U.S. Marine Corps; Danny Ray Sisk, U.S. Air Force; Robert Ernest Tapscott, U.S. Army; and Curtis W. Posey, U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, the men and women from Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee exemplify the greatness of the United States. Though we can never fully repay them for their service to our country, it was my privilege to offer our most sincere gratitude for the sacrifices they made on behalf of the Sixth District of Tennessee.

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to the local communities and volunteers who worked together to make this special visit possible. I would especially like to thank Claude Morse (USAF Ret.), the President and Chairman of the Board for Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee, for his tireless work organizing this event. Without this team, the Honor Flight would not have been possible.

To my colleagues here today, I hope you will join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their dedication and service to our country.

CONGRATULATING THE 2019 EN-
LISTEES FROM FLORIDA'S 20TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 40 high school seniors from Florida's 20th Congressional district, who have chosen to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these forty fine young people, seventeen have joined the United States Army, to include: Yvelande Blanc, Brisa Gonzalez, Coraleigh Little, Josue Aguilar-Gonzalez, Terry Akins, Jovaughn Campbell, Rusheem Gibbs, Richard Joseph, Patrick Newton, Andrea Velez, Christopher Whyte, Tyreik Kelly, Brandon Lee, Yuliana Osoria, Terry Hines,

Vanessa Perez-Morales, and Tae'Lonte Wainwright.

Eleven have joined the United States Marines Corp, to include: Ernesto Ibarra, Jefremias Mazariegos, Harold Khyle Ong, Caleb Walker, Jose Diez Munoz, Jesus Juarez, Jay Marine, Anthony Medina, Shiloh Robinson, Joseph Saavedra and Alberto Velazquez. Furthermore, eleven have joined the United States Navy, to include: Alessandro Riccio, Shahine Beaumont, Jacob Carrigan, Juliandra Faust, Shakarra Haigood, Julia Hernandez, Dakota Downs, Noah Gonzalez, Jorge Salmeron Gomez, Ciclary Rosas Carranza and Brandon Diaz Guzman.

One has joined the Air Force, to include: Alexia Ayers.

Thanks to the dedication of patriots such as these, we are able to meet here in the United States House of Representatives and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our nation.

On behalf of myself and all my constituents in Florida's 20th Congressional District, I thank them for their service. I wish them the very best of luck now and in the future.

HONORING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLOTTE EGAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the achievements of one of my constituents, Charlotte Egan, who is celebrating her 50th year of service for the OC Health Care Agency and her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. Egan began her career at the OC Health Care Agency as a Public Health Microbiologist Trainee in 1969, after seeing an ad for the opening in a newspaper. Since then, she has worked her way through every section of the HCA laboratory. In 1985, she was promoted to Public Health Microbiologist II in the Virology/Serology section where she served as the lead microbiologist. Mrs. Egan has played an instrumental role in the research and identification of viruses such as Influenza, Mumps, Chicken Pox, and Rubella. She has also been at the forefront of combatting outbreaks of HIV, H1N1 Influenza, and Measles. Charlotte is known for the quality and standard of her work. She served as an outstanding model to her trainees and peers. In the words of Mrs. Egan, "Find work that you're passionate about and do it well. Serve your community with patience and have respect for patients."

Today we celebrate not only her decades-long career, but her future beyond the laboratory. She looks forward to spending more time with her granddaughters, volunteering at the Hollywood Braille Institute and the Aquarium of the Pacific, traveling, and maybe even pursuing her dream of qualifying for a mission to the International Space Station.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Charlotte Egan for her commitment to excellence and dedication to serving our community.

HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL
WHITESCARVER, UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Paul A. Whitescarver, who retires this week from a nearly 40-year career of service to our nation in the United States Navy.

Captain Whitescarver has served as the 51st Commanding Officer of our nation's "first and finest" submarine base, Naval Submarine Base New London since December 2015. His leadership at the base will without question have a lasting impact on its operations and readiness for years to come. In his three and a half years as its Commander, he oversaw several significant environmental and energy upgrades which have helped to continue modernization of the facility, including innovative microgrid and fuel cell projects leveraging homegrown Connecticut technology to provide standalone power to the base. This effort was so successful that the Department of Energy recognized it with a 2018 Federal Energy and Water Management award.

Another tremendous accomplishment under his tenure was the completion of Superfund site cleanup. It is great to see the resolution of this significant undertaking which was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Captain Whitescarver's leadership throughout this process has shown his drive to go above and beyond to improve the base.

Captain Whitescarver has substantially raised the military value of the base with his work and proven its enduring mission well into the future. He laid the groundwork for the future expansion of pier capacity as our submarine fleet continues to modernize and grow towards its overall goal of 66 attack submarines. He spearheaded the pier 32 project for which we are now seeing funding in this year's defense budget and expect it to be funded by Congress so that the project can commence on time. Many of the new boats constructed in the coming years will be stationed in Groton, and without Captain Whitescarver's efforts, the base would not be as prepared to accept them as it will be once these projects are completed.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that Captain Whitescarver's impact extends beyond the base, reaching the citizens and businesses in the surrounding community. He oversaw Connecticut's Submarine Century, the yearlong celebration of the 100th anniversary of the submarine force in 2015 and 2016, demonstrating strong support in his consistent participation at events and collaboration with local officials. He projected a positive image for the Navy in a critical time for recruitment and promotion of our military and particularly our submarine force. As if he did not have enough to do, he also managed the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Navy installation which would eventually become Submarine Base New London. This milestone underscores how the base has effectively adapted over time to meet the needs of the Navy, and we thank Captain Whitescarver for his role in ensuring the base

continues to be equipped to handle our future needs as well.

A particular highlight of mine working with Captain Whitescarver over the last few years was his April 2018 engagement at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, which he himself attended in 1989. His presence and poignant words to students, faculty, and staff reinforced the belief that our community colleges are stepping stones to any number of highly successful careers.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Whitescarver, and his wife Katie, for their service to our nation and in wishing them 'fair winds and following seas' as they move on to their next steps.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Madam Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 8 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Makaila Davenport, Hampton University; Jaida Hampton, University of Kentucky; Jacqueline Olvera, Texas A&M University; Syeda-Asma Mudassar, University of San Francisco; Ivy Smith, Oberlin College; Kali Morrison, Texas Tech University; Chloe Valcourt, The Madeira School; and Holly Crowley, The Madeira School.

Madam Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain

from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright, and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER
SUZANNE TOOLAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sister Suzanne Toolan, a longtime force for education and social justice within my district. She is being honored by her friends with the Catherine McAuley Award for her dedication to the education of young women. I join in their joy and celebration of her decades in service.

I first met Sister Suzanne while a student at Mercy Burlingame. She taught chorale, a subject for which I was singularly unqualified. However, as my fellow students noted, Sister Suzanne was a patient and inspiring teacher. The Mercy choir is known throughout the San Francisco Peninsula for its inspiring repertoire and joyful music, particularly during Christmas and other holidays. Sister Suzanne was the heart and soul of a generation of choral singers, providing spiritual and contemporary pieces for the girls to perform.

Her role in chorale, and the impact that she had on students, was only one measure of her long career. Sister Suzanne is the composer of the hymn entitled, "I Am the Bread of Life," a deeply moving piece that inspires Catholic and other Christian congregations around the globe. Sister put the words of Jesus to music in 1964 during her free period between two classes. The San Francisco Archdiocese was to hold an event and Sister wished to contribute.

As she later stated, she didn't initially like her work so when the bell rang for her to go back to class she ripped up the song and tossed it into the wastebasket. A student, who was nearby, came out of the infirmary and said, "What was that? It was beautiful!" So, Sister retrieved the song, scotch taped it together, and submitted it.

It may be irreverent to say so, but in January of 1964 the Beatles song "I Want To Hold Your Hand" hit No. 1 on the Billboard Top 100 Chart. However, for many of us, that song couldn't hold a candle to Sister Suzanne's "I Am the Bread of Life." The church has its relics, but in this instance the workpiece of the Beatles is the relic and that of Sister Suzanne is a perpetually inspiring song, translated into at least 20 languages, that reminds us of the everlasting. For her work, Sister Suzanne was called an "Icon of the Second Vatican Council" and received the Benedictus Award from the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of San Jose, presented by Bishop Patrick McGrath, in 2016.

As noted by her supporters and friends, Sister Suzanne is also the author of a book enti-

tled Canticles and Gathering Prayers, a composite of services and canticles written for groups gathered in prayer. Her work allowed Catholics to understand their faith in the vernacular, making faith more accessible.

Sister Suzanne is immensely well educated. She holds a master's degree in humanities and a second master's degree from San Francisco State University. She did compositional work at Michigan State University, liturgical study at the University of Notre Dame, and choral work with Robert Shaw at San Diego State University. She introduced Taize Prayer and worship to the West Coast in 1983. After her stellar career at Mercy Burlingame, Sister Suzanne founded Catherine's Center, a transitional house for women released from prison. It is a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Mateo County.

I recently viewed a photo of Sister Suzanne during her era as a Mercy Burlingame teacher. She was swinging her baton and had a smile from ear to ear. Music has the power to inspire us to great deeds. Sister Suzanne conveyed that power in overwhelming force to impressionable minds seeking the knowledge of math, science, literature, and leadership. These are core subjects at Mercy Burlingame, and core subjects of any young woman seeking to come into her own as a young adult. Sister Suzanne never let them down. I know because I was one of those young women who was captivated by Sister Suzanne's powerful spirituality and joyful musical grace.

As we reflect upon her life, I cannot offer her a musical analogy to illustrate her impact upon her students and the world. However, I can offer an historical allusion that I believe is apt. When Churchill spoke from the floor during times of grave crisis, Parliament was roused to act and the course of western civilization was sharply and famously revised. We know that the music of Sister Suzanne Toolan, both famous and less so, inspires millions. She has never held high office in civic life but instead chose to announce the glory of the highest office that any of us may attain. Who can doubt that her accomplishments will shape our civilization for hundreds of years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ELMIRA KIWANIS CLUB

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Elmira Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Elmira is a branch of Kiwanis International, a global volunteer organization dedicated to bettering the world through their communities and the children in them. Over their century-long history, the Elmira Kiwanis have had more than ten thousand local residents join them in serving their community, providing over one million hours of community service.

In their mission to better their community, the Elmira Kiwanians have partnered with a variety of local organizations. They have lent their support to groups such as the YMCA, the Arctic League, Food Bank of the Southern

Tier, the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army, providing service or financial support to help make their community a better place to live. Over the last one hundred years, the Kiwanis Club of Elmira has donated more than five hundred thousand dollars to community groups and organizations.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club has been dedicated to helping children both at home and abroad. Elmira students have felt their support as the Elmira Kiwanis Club has backed programs such as the Terrific Kids and B.U.G.S (Bringing up grades) programs. Elmira Kiwanians recognize the potential of graduating high school seniors by awarding scholarships. To support children abroad, members have joined with Kiwanis International projects to benefit UNICEF.

Most recently the Elmira Kiwanis Club established the Hometown Heroes Banner program, proudly recognizing military service of more than two hundred twenty-five local men and women who have served our country and fought for our freedoms.

One hundred years of service in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Elmira Kiwanis Club on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Elmira Kiwanis Club.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANNA DIAZ-
WHITE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anna Diaz-White as she is honored by 180 Turning Lives Around at their annual celebration on May 3, 2019. Ms. Diaz-White's exemplary leadership and contributions to 180 Turning Lives Around are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

For over 40 years, 180 Turning Lives Around has provided a safe outlet for victims of domestic and sexual violence, providing shelter, resources, counseling, and advocacy. The support that the agency provides to the community is truly immeasurable and Ms. Diaz-White's 35 years of service at 180 Turning Lives Around are indicative of her dedication to the agency and the care of the individuals and families they serve.

Joining 180 Turning Lives Around in 1985, Anna Diaz-White brought her experience from the financial sector to the non-profit in her role as Fiscal/Grant Administrator. Less than 10 years later, Ms. Diaz-White was unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees to serve as 180's Executive Director. Under her leadership, the agency has grown immensely, serving over one million people and expanding its outreach and services. Her vision and innovative thinking have created new standards of service in the field and serve as a model for other domestic violence agencies in New Jersey.

With her direction, 180 Turning Lives Around has built one of the largest and most inclusive domestic violence shelters in New Jersey, engaged and educated local law enforcement, created the Monmouth Family Justice Center, Amanda's Easel Creative Arts

Therapy Program, and the Shore Regional Outreach Program, among many other programs and initiatives. Ms. Diaz-White's advocacy and professional relationships have established important partnerships within the community to enable 180 to offer integrated services that have changed countless lives.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking Anna Diaz-White and 180 Turning Lives Around for their invaluable impact on the community.

HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF WALTER "SKIP" CAMPBELL AND ROY TRACHTENBERG

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the lives and service of two outstanding individuals: my constituents, Roy Trachtenberg and Walter "Skip" Campbell.

Skip Campbell was known as a monumental warrior for justice who made a significant mark on the world. Skip served his community in the Florida Senate from 1996 to 2006, before his election as Mayor of Coral Springs in 2014. His leadership was paramount in ensuring the success and wellbeing of our community.

A South Florida native, Roy Trachtenberg served as an administrator in the New York School system, where he devoted 35 years to helping students succeed. He moved back to Florida where he served as the Dean of Education for a community college trade school, where he developed a curriculum to upgrade the skills of workers displaced due to the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Through their public service, each honoree has touched countless lives and made a lasting impact on our South Florida community. In recognition of this service, the Coral Spring/Parkland Democratic Club have honored their memories by designating their annual service and leadership awards as the Roy Trachtenberg Service Award and the Skip Campbell Leadership Award.

Skip and Roy are truly deserving of this honor. I am glad to see their legacies of service preserved and used as a paradigm for those who follow them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, while on a fact-finding mission to South America to conduct oversight of U.S. assistance and assess the situation at the Venezuela border, I encountered unforeseen problems leaving the country. As a result, I missed roll call votes No. 171 and No. 172.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 171, and YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATHAN EDGERTON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Edgerton as he receives the North Texas in DC Internship Program Legacy Award.

The NTDC Program connects University of North Texas students with internship opportunities in our nation's capital. Nathan began his long career in public service as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office. Since then, he has spent more than a decade helping government and nonprofit organizations with strategic planning, grants, and community resource management.

Currently, Nathan serves as a Bureau Planner for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the Department of State. In this role, he manages the foreign assistance budget planning and justification process for the department's \$7 billion budget that includes economic, multilateral, law enforcement, and security assistance programs that support U.S. foreign policy objectives and interests throughout the Middle East and North Africa. He previously served as a Grants Management Officer supporting economic and public diplomacy programs in NEA and the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

Additionally, Nathan served North Texans as the Director of Health Grants at the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, supporting community organizations striving to improve health outcomes for children and families in Dallas, Collin, Rockwall, and southern Denton counties. He earned his B.A. in political science and M.P.A. with a focus in nonprofit management from UNT.

Throughout his career, Nathan has been known for his expertise, dedication, and hard work. I am grateful that the NTDC Program connected him with my office years ago, and I congratulate my fellow UNT alum on his many achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN G. ULLMAN AND ASSOCIATES

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of John G. Ullman and Associates, and congratulate them on the grand opening of their new office.

In 1978, John G. Ullman set out to build a new kind of wealth management firm that would provide unprecedented service and support to meet all of a family's financial needs. Their mission is to be the guiding force that helps their clients make dreams become reality while maintaining the highest level of integrity and accountability. We are proud to say this commendable institution is headquartered in our hometown of Corning, New York.

John G. Ullman and Associates provides financial planning that helps families prepare for their future. They recognize the importance of

family and work to build close, trusting relationships on a multi-generational level. Their unique values have led John G. Ullman and Associates on the path of success and they have expanded that success to branches in Rochester, Rhinebeck, and most recently to their new office in Big Flats, New York. We commend their spirit of growth and the work they do to grow the economy in our communities.

Forty years of serving in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate John G. Ullman and Associates on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of John G. Ullman and Associates.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I was absent April 29, 2019 through May 2, 2019. If I were present, I would have voted on the following: Roll no. 168—H.R. 91—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA; Roll no. 169—JOURNAL—On Approving the Journal: YEA; Roll no. 170—H.R. 1876—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA; Roll no. 171—H. Res. 328—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution: YEA; Roll no. 172—H. Res. 329—On ordering the previous question: YEA; Roll no. 173—H. Res. 329—On agreeing to the resolution: YEA; Roll no. 174—H. Res. 304—On motion to table the measure: YEA; Roll no. 175—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Espallat Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 176—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Gosar Amendment No. 10: NAY; Roll no. 177—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Gosar Amendment No. 11: NAY; Roll no. 178—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Porter Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 179—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Fletcher Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 180—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Schrier Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 181—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Van Drew Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 182—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Engel Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 183—H.R. 9—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions: NAY; Roll no. 184—H.R. 9—On Passage: YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF APRIL BLANKENSHIP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Representatives PETER A. DEFazio, VIRGINIA FOXX, JUAN VARGAS, VAN TAYLOR, ADAM KINZINGER, JOHN R. MOOLENAAR, RODNEY DAVIS, and TED S. YOHO, DVM, in honor of the life of April Blankenship, beloved and integral staff member to this Body. April faithfully served as a shared financial administrator to Committees and personal offices; Leadership,

rank and file, and freshman; and both Republicans and Democrats for almost 20 years before her passing at age 49 on April 15, 2019. Her diligence, work ethic, and candor were an asset to every office that was fortunate enough to work with her, and were only matched by her kindness toward all those with whom she interacted.

April was a faithful steward of taxpayer dollars, trusted advisor, detailed accountant, and wise counselor. As she wheeled her briefcase through the buildings every week, she brought warmth, humor, and a ready smile. Thanks to her sound advice and strong relationships, our offices have maintained compliance with the complex rules governing financial administration. To the institution, April was integral to the everyday operation and overall smooth functioning of the legislative body. To Members, April was both responsive and honest in her assessments, ensuring that their needs were met swiftly and reliably. To countless staff, April was the first and last point of contact on Capitol Hill—from instructing those just starting their careers to save appropriately and conduct themselves in a manner that would best represent those they serve to advising individuals leaving the Hill on retirement and compliance. She continued to function as a sounding board for staff as they progressed in their careers and served in other capacities. That she was asked to serve so many varying districts and Committees is a testament to her character—April was a public servant in the truest sense of the word.

Recollections of her role in our offices would be incomplete without acknowledging her husband Tim and their three sons—Dakota, Hunter, and Tucker. The boys were frequent, welcome additions during her office visits. We send our deepest condolences to her family for their loss.

It is with great sadness, but also with great gratitude that we honor the life of April Blankenship. It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to know her and an honor to serve alongside her.

WELCOMING THE 492ND ATTACK SQUADRON ACTIVATION UNIT TO MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome the 492nd Attack Squadron Activation Unit to March Air Reserve Base (ARB). The Activation of the 492nd Attack Squadron and the Assumption of Command ceremony will be held on Friday, May 10th, on March Air Reserve Base. While I will be unable to attend, I want to send a special welcome to the new unit.

The introduction of the 492nd Attack Squadron will provide an additional 14 instructor sensor operators, 17 maintenance positions, 21 instructor pilots, and 61 positions with the Commander, Director of Operations, and the First Sergeant. This expansion will bring added capabilities to March ARB, and will enable the Air Force Reserve Command's Fourth Air Force to attract and retain incredible new

talent as it fulfills its various missions in the region. The expansion sends a strong message to our community that March ARB serves a vital strategic role, not only for California but also the Air Force Reserve at large.

Again, I want to welcome to the new 492nd Attack Squadron Activation Unit to March Air Reserve Base. I am continually humbled by the dedication and hard work that the men and women at March ARB perform each day, and I am excited to see our capacity at March ARB expand even further.

CELEBRATING THE LIFELONG SERVICE AND SUCCESS OF TERESA DREYFUSS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the lifelong service and success of Teresa Dreyfuss, Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College and resident of Whittier, California. Ms. Dreyfuss is retiring after 32 years of dedicated leadership that will guide Rio Hondo College and its students for years to come.

Ms. Dreyfuss began her journey with Rio Hondo in 1987 and has held various roles at the institution including Senior Accountant, Controller/Business Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President. In each of these positions, she has built an incredible legacy of service to the students and families of Los Angeles County. Ms. Dreyfuss has worked tirelessly to expand access and affordability to education while maintaining excellence at Rio Hondo.

Throughout her long history of working with students, she has always been a leader with incredible vision, and that foresight has built strong pathways guiding students for generations to come. Some of her many accomplishments include the modernization of the Rio Hondo campus, partnerships that have streamlined student employment, and the continuation of the Rio Promise which gave first time college students a second year of tuition free enrollment. She is also Vice Chair of the City of Whittier's Sister City Committee and member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

I cannot thank Ms. Dreyfuss enough for the sincere commitment to the Rio Hondo College community. Her passion for helping students and families have made her an influential leader whose accomplishments will continue benefiting students and faculty for generations to come. I wish Teresa a happy retirement, and I thank her again for her service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Thursday, May 2, 2019, due to a family commitment. Had I been present, I

would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote No. 175 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Espallat of New York Amendment No. 2, to H.R. 9): AYE; Roll Call Vote No. 176 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 10, to H.R. 9): NAY; Roll Call Vote No. 177 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 11, to H.R. 9): NAY; Roll Call Vote No. 178 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Porter of California Amendment No. 19, to H.R. 9): AYE; Roll Call Vote No. 179 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Fletcher of Texas Amendment No. 22, to H.R. 9): AYE; Roll Call Vote No. 180 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Schrier of Washington Amendment No. 24, to H.R. 9): AYE; Roll Call Vote No. 181 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Van Drew of New Jersey Amendment No. 26, to H.R. 9): AYE; Roll Call Vote No. 182 (On Agreeing to the Amendment, Engel of New York Amendment No. 29): AYE; Roll Call Vote No. 183 (On Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 9): NAY; and Roll Call Vote No. 184 (Passage of H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act): AYE.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIM GARZA TURNER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Kim Garza Turner, an outstanding North Texan. A dedicated advocate for civic participation, Kim selflessly serves her community in all that she does.

As a young student at the University of North Texas, Kim interned in my Washington, D.C. office in 2004. This opportunity, facilitated by UNT's North Texas in DC Internship Program, commenced Kim's longstanding career in public service. From the U.S. Capitol, Kim was chosen as the sole intern for the West Wing of the White House during President George W. Bush's 2004 re-election.

After returning to Texas to continue her studies at UNT, she kept pursuing a career in politics. For more than a decade, I have relied on Kim as a leader, collaborator, and trusted advisor. She has a proven track record of success as a consultant and strategist.

In addition to her work in politics, Kim is active member of her North Texas community. She teaches Sunday school, volunteers as a member of the Junior League of Dallas, and recently completed her term on the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Historical Society.

This evening, Kim will receive the NTDC Program's Legacy Award in recognition of her many achievements. I am thankful that NTDC connected Kim with my office 15 years ago, and tonight I am glad to add my voice to this well-deserved praise.

From Capitol Hill to the White House and beyond, Kim has dedicated much of her life to serving her fellow North Texans and the American people. I congratulate my fellow UNT alum on this honor, and look ahead to many more years of excellence.