

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.