

and rebuild from natural disasters. But aid to these communities has been long delayed and I think it is unacceptable that these communities are being needlessly denied the assistance they needed. I was honored to vote previously for this aid relief and would have certainly done so again. The overwhelming margin by which this legislation passed is testament to the long-held agreement on the federal government's role in responding to these disasters.

As climate change continues to exacerbate these sorts of weather events—from drought-stoked wildfires to climate-exacerbated flooding—we need to make sure the federal government is not only responding to these events but working to mitigate their damage before they strike. As we invest in infrastructure, climate resilience must be a top priority so that these sorts of weather events don't continually cost more in response funding each year.

Additionally, had I been present for Roll Call Vote 233 on H.R. 2940, which extends authorization for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program through the end of the fiscal year, I would have voted yea. TANF is a crucial resource for thousands of families throughout Illinois—and throughout the Tenth District. While I look forward to a more thorough policy discussion on how we can improve and expand TANF in the coming years, I believe it was essential that Congress provide certainty to families and communities that rely on these programs. I was encouraged that Illinois saw a benefit increase for the first time in over a decade, but Congress must have a more robust discussion on how we can expand these benefits in the future while ensuring the long-term sustainability of this program.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER, JR.

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge the life of World War II veteran, Joseph Christopher, Jr. Born March 16, 1923 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Mr. Christopher left his hometown as a young man to serve his country in the Armed Forces in November of 1945. Joseph Christopher was honorably discharged with a World War II Victory Medal and an Army of Occupation Medal in February of 1947.

After his time spent in courageous commitment to our country, Mr. Christopher was the victim of a hate crime by police officers in Mississippi upon his return home. He was badly beaten, thrown into jail without his family being notified, provided no medical attention, and deprived VA benefits. Despite this experience, Mr. Christopher was never bitter and worked only to have a positive impact on others for the rest of his days. Joseph Christopher was an honored community member who was loved by his family and friends alike.

It is with great sadness that we recognize the loss of Joseph Christopher and give tribute to his surviving family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ETELVINA
MENCHACA FOR HER PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Etelvina Menchaca. Ms. Menchaca was a dedicated activist in my district who was very passionate about her community and public service.

Etelvina Menchaca was born in Santa Barbara, California on September 8, 1938 to Isabela Davila and Juan Gallegos. She was raised by her Godmother Feliz (Pita) Menchaca and Antonio Serrano as well as long-time family friend Jose (Tuti) Hernandez. Ms. Menchaca was influenced at an early age, by her adopted mother Pita, to be a community activist. She began serving food to the homeless and helping Latino immigrant families transition to the United States. Ms. Menchaca was also a leading voice on children's education through migrant education. She marched and worked alongside Cesar Chavez, lobbied in Washington DC alongside Dolores Huerta, and helped organize and train thousands of Latino families throughout the western United States for over fifty years.

Ms. Menchaca joined parents from throughout California in advocating for AB 1308 and SB 218 which authorized Migrant Education programs under Chapter 1 Categorical programs. She worked with Santa Barbara County Superintendents of Schools Dall'Armi and Cirone on a partnership to implement those programs locally. She was also appointed as parent representative from the Santa Barbara School District for Migrant Education, State Parent Advisor for All Chaptered Education programs and State representative at the federal level.

Additionally, Ms. Menchaca served in leadership roles on the boards of many community and state organizations including La Casa de la Raza, the Mariachi Festival, C.I.N.A.C., and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #442 Woman's Auxiliary. Ms. Menchaca also received Latina Woman of the Year.

It was an honor to know and work with Ms. Menchaca. Today I join the Menchaca Family and Santa Barbara community in celebrating the extraordinary life of Etelvina Menchaca.

SECRET, GOTCHA, MOTIONS TO
RECOMMIT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, the rules of the House normally provide a substantial amount of time between when members receive a proposed legislative text, and when they are called upon to vote. Ordinary process requires that before voting to add any, or subtract any language from the statutes of the United States, that a member of Congress should review the proposed legislative enactment, its implications, and whether the statutory change will actually achieve the intended purpose of the legislation.

It is not enough for a member of Congress to vote for legislation because he or she agrees with the purposes, sentiments, and rhetoric of its supporters. What matters is the actual effect of the statutory language.

The minority has adopted the tactic of announcing a motion to recommit just minutes before members are called upon to vote on it. Even when the motion to recommit is only a few pages, it may add or subtract a section of law that requires considerable analysis. It cannot be presumed that the motion to recommit will achieve its stated purpose or will not have unforeseen consequences.

If the minority is engaged in serious legislating, they would publish their proposed motion to recommit (or even publish two possible motions to recommit) at least 24 hours before we are expected to vote on final passage. Of particular concern to me is proposing legislative language and claiming that it will be helpful to strengthen the U.S.-Israel alliance. Without a few hours to study a matter, it is difficult to determine whether the statutory language will actually achieve that objective and avoid unintended consequences.

Moreover, those seriously interested in improving the U.S.-Israel alliance would share their proposed legislative texts a day or two in advance (or perhaps a week or two ahead in advance) with the members (in my case the co-chair) of the Israel Allies Caucus, and they would also share it with other members who have established their dedication to the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Pseudo-Zionists will claim to be supporting the U.S.-Israel alliance while instead weakening that alliance through partisan tactics. On occasion they will spring a supposedly pro-Israel measure for a vote just minutes after it is made available even to the most pro-Israel members in Congress.

If a measure proposed a legislative change and I have not had enough time to review its implications, and how the statutory language would dovetail with the existing statutory provisions—in such a case I must vote “no”.

I would hope that the rules of the House would be amended so that motions to recommit must be published soon after the rule for the consideration of the underlying legislation is published.

HONORING THE GONZÁLEZ
REYNOSO FAMILY AND
NORTHGATE MARKETS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the González Reynoso Family, owners of the Northgate Market grocery store chain that is a shining example of how a family owned business can enhance the lives within the communities they serve.

From humble beginnings in Jalisco, Mexico, the immigrant family opened the first Northgate Market in a 3,000-square foot-store in Anaheim in 1980. The family now operates 40 supermarkets in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties. Via its philanthropic arm—Fundación Familia González Reynoso—Northgate is giving back to the community in a multitude of ways, including providing \$1