

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 13. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 249 (Motion to Adjourn): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 250 (Motion to Adjourn): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 251 (Passing H. AMDT. 268 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JIM MCGOVERN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 252 (Passing H. AMDT. 270 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DONNA SHALALA): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 253 (Passing H. AMDT. 271 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 254 (Passing H. AMDT. 272 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 255 (Passing H. AMDT. 273 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 256 (Passing H. AMDT. 274 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 257 (Passing H. AMDT. 277 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CHRIS SMITH): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 258 (Passing H. AMDT. 278 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BOBBY SCOTT): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 259 (Passing H. AMDT. 279 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. PETER DEFAZIO): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 260 (Passing H. AMDT. 280 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 261 (Passing H. AMDT. 281 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE): “yes”.

Roll Call Vote Number 262 (Passing H. AMDT. 282 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL PASTRELL): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 263 (Passing H. AMDT. 283 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DANNY DAVIS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 264 (Ordering the Previous Question): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 265 (Passing H. Res. 436): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 266 (Passing H. AMDT. 267 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. TOM COLE): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 267 (Passing H. AMDT. 275 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARTHA ROBY): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 268 (Passing H. AMDT. 284 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. VERN BUCHANAN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 269 (Passing H. AMDT. 285 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JIM LANGEVIN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 270 (Passing H. AMDT. 286 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 271 (Passing H. AMDT. 287 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 272 (Passing H. AMDT. 288 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 273 (Passing H. AMDT. 289 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 274 (Passing H. AMDT. 290 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ADAM SCHIFF): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 275 (Passing H. AMDT. 291 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 276 (Passing H. AMDT. 292 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. G. K. BUTTERFIELD): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 277 (Passing H. AMDT. 293 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL JOHNSON): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 278 (Passing H. AMDT. 294 to H.R. 2740 offered

by Rep. GWEN MOORE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 279 (Passing H. AMDT. 295 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. GWEN MOORE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 280 (Passing H. AMDT. 297 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DORIS MATSUI): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 281 (Passing H. AMDT. 298 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANDY BARR): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 282 (Passing H. AMDT. 299 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. EMMANUEL CLEAVER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 283 (Passing H. AMDT. 300 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATHY CASTOR): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 284 (Passing H. AMDT. 301 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. FRENCH HILL): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 285 (Passing H. AMDT. 302 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. FRENCH HILL): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 286 (Passing H. AMDT. 303 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. AYANNA PRESSLEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 287 (Passing H. AMDT. 304 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. RO KHANNA): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 288 (Passing H. AMDT. 305 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CEDRIC RICHMOND): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 289 (Passing H. AMDT. 306 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 290 (Passing H. AMDT. 307 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL KEATING): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 291 (Passing H. AMDT. 308 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CAROL MILLER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 292 (Passing H. AMDT. 309 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DAVID CICILLINE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 293 (Passing H. AMDT. 310 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. AMI BERA): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 294 (Passing H. AMDT. 311 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JOAQUIN CASTRO): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 295 (Passing H. AMDT. 312 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. HAKEEM JEFFRIES): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 296 (Passing H. AMDT. 313 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 297 (Passing H. AMDT. 314 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALMA ADAMS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 298 (Passing H. AMDT. 315 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALMA ADAMS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 299 (Passing H. AMDT. 316 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DON BEYER): “YES”; ROLL CALL VOTE NUMBER 300 (PASSING H. AMDT. 317 TO H.R. 2740 OFFERED BY REP. DON BEYER): “YES”; ROLL CALL VOTE NUMBER 301 (PASSING H. AMDT. 318 TO H.R. 2740 OFFERED BY REP. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 302 (Passing H. AMDT. 319 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. STEPHANIE MURPHY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 303 (Passing H. AMDT. 320 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 304 (Passing H. AMDT. 321 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 305 (Passing H. AMDT. 322 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BEN MCADAMS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 306 (Passing H. AMDT. 323 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KIM SCHRIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 307 (Passing H. AMDT. 324 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SUSIE LEE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 308 (Passing H. AMDT. 325 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANGIE CRAIG): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 309 (Passing H. AMDT. 326 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANGIE CRAIG): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 310 (Passing H. AMDT. 327 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANGIE CRAIG): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 311 (Passing H. AMDT. 328 to

H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATIE PORTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 312 (Passing H. AMDT. 329 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATIE PORTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 313 (Passing H. AMDT. 330 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATIE PORTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 314 (Passing H. AMDT. 331 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DEBBIE MURCARSEL-POWELL): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 315 (Passing H. AMDT. 332 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANDY LEVIN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 316 (Passing H. AMDT. 333 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. AYANNA PRESSLEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 317 (Passing H. AMDT. 334 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 318 (Passing H. AMDT. 335 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANTONIO DELGADO): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 319 (Passing H. AMDT. 336 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JASON CROW): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 320 (Passing H. AMDT. 337 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CHRISSEY HOULAHAN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 321 (Passing H. AMDT. 338 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK POCAN): “yes”; and Roll Call Vote Number 322 (Passing H. AMDT. 339 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL PASCRELL): “yes”.

RECOGNIZING MOLLY PINTA

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary initiative and leadership of Molly Pinta, a 13-year-old resident of Buffalo Grove, Illinois who organized her town's first ever LGBTQ Pride Parade on June 2nd.

More than 5,000 people came together to celebrate the LGBTQ community with Molly at a boisterous, family-friendly event on June 2. The parade was the culmination of months of planning by Molly. With support from her parents, she raised more than \$40,000 for the event and related foundation, the Pinta Pride Project which aims to empower the LGBTQ community in Buffalo Grove.

Because of her achievements in Buffalo Grove work, Molly was named the Youth Grand Marshal for the Chicago Pride Parade on June 30. “Molly is the result and a shining example of the hard work and sacrifices made by those generations of activists who for 50 years have toiled before, and leading up to Stonewall,” said Richard Pfeiffer, one of the Chicago Pride Parade organizers, in a statement to the press. Molly's vision united her community and inspired others, especially young people, to be proud of who they are.

Our nation's rapid march toward equality for the LGBTQ community—from the end of Don't Ask, Don't Tell to nationwide marriage equality—is a story of undeniable progress. While much work remains unfinished to achieve the goal of full equality, I take heart witnessing the support and acceptance of our young people—Molly's generation—for their peers. They give me hope that our future is in good hands.

It is my privilege to recognize Molly Pinta for her bravery and passion in her community. She has already made a positive mark in her first 13 years, and I look forward to seeing what she will do in years to come.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. SHEEHAN, AKA "THE PROFESSOR," FOR THE 900TH EPISODE OF WORDS TO THE WISE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Mike Sheehan, also known as "The Professor," upon the occasion of the 900th episode of his program Words to the Wise on WTCM NewsTalk 580 in Traverse City, Michigan. Through his exceptional insight, expert knowledge of the English language, and unique ability to teach with accuracy and humor, The Professor has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Born and raised in the southside of Chicago, Sheehan spent much of his early life as a monk in the Order of St. Augustine, being ordained as a priest in 1965. He would later leave the priesthood to become an instructor of English at the Olive-Harvey College of the City Colleges of Chicago, where he taught for 26 years and wrote three textbooks, a dictionary, and two novels. Upon retirement, he and his late wife decided to make Northern Michigan their home. Deciding to stay active in his retirement, Sheehan has served on the state of Michigan's Commission on Services to the Aging and is a member of the Society of Midland Authors, the Dictionary Society of North America, the American Dialect Society, and Michigan Writers. He also received the Distinguished Senior of the National Cherry Festival award in 2013.

For the past 18 years Mike has also hosted a weekly radio show, Words to the Wise, on WTCM NewsTalk 580. This show, which is heard by listeners in 19 counties throughout Michigan, dives into the interesting, humorous, and sometimes bizarre world of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and etymology. His unique passion and sense of humor have resulted in his show being beloved by students, retirees, and everyone in between. The 900th episode of Words to the Wise will air live from the City Opera House in Traverse City, Michigan, on July 16.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize "The Professor" for hitting the milestone of 900 episodes full of entertainment and education. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mike all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER INDIANA POLITICIAN, GENE SNOWDEN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of former Indiana politician and community leader, Gene Snowden.

Snowden was a lifelong public servant in Indiana state and local politics, having served in the Indiana House of Representatives and In-

diana State Senate in a legislative career that spanned nearly 20 years.

He served as an Indiana City Councilman for Huntington and as Mayor of Huntington, Indiana. In his political career, he lost just one election.

Snowden was an active member of his community, involved heavily in his church and civic organizations like the Police Athletic League, the Salvation Army, the Huntington County Historical Society, the Boy Scouts, United Way, Christian Literature for Africa, and others.

While there's not enough words to fully encapsulate all of Gene Snowden's accomplishments, his life is proof positive of the timeless legacy each one of us can forge, for ourselves and generations to come.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, four daughters, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren whom he leaves behind.

HONORING EDGAR J. CURTIS FOR RECEIVING THE ORDER OF LINCOLN AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Edgar J. Curtis for receiving the Order of Lincoln award from the Office of the Governor. This prestigious award is the highest honor that the state of Illinois can present for professional achievement and public service.

Ed currently sits as the President and Chief Executive Office of Memorial Health Systems in Springfield. He is also a member of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, and a Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville School of Nursing Hall of Fame member. Throughout his professional career and philanthropic efforts, Ed has had tremendous impact on the medical community in Illinois.

Ed has always had a passion for helping others and improving the lives of those around him. Since junior high, he has wanted to make a difference in the medical field. Ed attended Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville, where he received his bachelor's degree in nursing. Later Ed earned an MBA from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, who also named him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. After his schooling, Ed turned his focus to helping others, and has done just that throughout his career.

Again, I extend my sincere congratulations to Edgar J. Curtis for receiving the Order of Lincoln award.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEFFREY J. IGNATOWSKI FOR HIS SERVICE TO LETTERKENNY MUNITIONS CENTER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the service of Lieuten-

ant Colonel Jeffrey J. Ignatowski, who has served his nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania admirably as Commander of the Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC) in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania over the last two years. During Lieutenant Colonel Ignatowski's command, LEMC executed six worldwide ammunition rehearsal of concept drills, implemented a tier meeting process that accelerated work flow and communication, and multiplied employee suggestion implementation program participation.

His leadership has strengthened LEMC's reputation as the Army's premier munitions center, orchestrating the distribution, maintenance, and demilitarization of munitions from around the globe. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel Ignatowski and his family for his selfless service, and moreover highlight the sense of purpose with which he has handled every project managed in his time at Letterkenny Munitions Center.

His leadership and the progressive changes he made will live on, and it is with the utmost appreciation with which I wish him the best as he continues to serve his nation in new capacities. I take great pleasure in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Ignatowski on his prodigious accomplishments and thank him for his tireless devotion to duty and continued service to the state and to the nation.

HONORING MICHAEL NGUYEN

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring attention to the unjust detention of an American citizen, Mr. Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen, in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Mr. Nguyen was arrested on July 7, 2018 while visiting elderly relatives in Vietnam. He has since been held at the Phan Dang Luu Detention Center in Ho Chi Minh City. While the Vietnamese government still has not provided any evidence of wrongdoing that would justify his arrest, the Vietnamese government has confirmed they are charging Mr. Nguyen for allegedly violating Article 109 of Vietnam's Penal Code, engaging in activity against the government.

I have worked with my colleagues in Congress, the Administration, our embassy personnel, as well as with Mr. Nguyen's family, to encourage the government of Vietnam to find a fast, transparent, and fair resolution to this case. Unfortunately, Mr. Nguyen is still being held in Vietnam. It is disheartening that an American citizen be detained for such a prolonged time before a trial is held.

Over the past four decades, our two countries have built a strong relationship based on trade, trust and mutual respect. My hope is that we can continue this relationship without the detraction of these kind of events. I will continue to urge a just resolution for Mr. Nguyen until he can return to his family and friends in the United States.