

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETE STAUBER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I voted AYE on Roll Call number 378 when I intended to vote NO.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 376, Pence of Indiana Part B Amendment No. 105, I would have voted Yea.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, on roll call No. 388 I was inadvertently recorded as voting Aye. I do not support the harmful budget cuts proposed in this amendment or in the President's budget request, and my vote should be recorded as No.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF SUE FENLEY MEYERS

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of long-time Deer Park resident, Sue Fenley Meyers, who passed away on April 10, 2019 in Colorado.

Sue Fenley Meyers was born on May 10, 1938 in Lufkin, Texas. She had six brothers and six sisters, two children, three grandchildren, and 21 nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. Sue studied drama at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette and went on to act in, direct, write, promote, and produce over 200 theatrical events in her lifetime.

The city officials in Deer Park, Texas have long recognized the community's love of theatrical arts. On May 4, 1981, the City hired Sue as the full-time Artistic Managing Director of "The Art Park Players." Under her leadership the program experienced rapid growth and in December 1986 the City opened its current theater facility. Sue's legacy is synonymous with the history of The Art Park Players. Several of her students have gone on to become professional writers, directors, actors, dancers, singers and influential artists to this day.

The thing she loved the most in the world were children. Sue established the Mead-Holm Scholarship in 1990, which was awarded annually to outstanding Junior Art Park Players

students, and the first annual Sue Fenley Meyers Scholarships (six in total) were presented last month in her memory. Sue's 22-plus years within our community reflect a lifetime of achievement through her love for children, passion, vision and the importance of arts and arts education in Deer Park.

She retired from the City of Deer Park in 2004 and moved to Colorado, where she is survived by her beloved son Jay Meyers and wife Margaret, daughter Kelley Meyers-Southern and husband Brent, grandchildren Susannah Roberts, Mitchell Meyers, and Johnny Meyers, and her four sisters and three brothers.

Madam Speaker, my condolences remain with the family, theatre family, and friends of Sue Fenley Meyers.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. BERNICE "BUNNY" SANDLER

**HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Doctor Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, on the 47th anniversary of Title IX. Dr. Sandler was an activist and champion of women's equality in higher education, which earned her the nickname "Godmother of Title IX." She passed away in January of this year at the age of ninety.

After being passed over for a job in 1969 at the University of Maryland, Dr. Sandler realized that she must act on the discrimination she experienced. During this time in history, academic departments refused to hire women in non-entry level positions and many graduate programs denied admission to women, but Sandler refused to take no for an answer. She researched the strategies of black civil rights activists and applied them to women's rights in academia.

After discovering a presidential executive order barring federal contractors from discriminating based on race, color, religion, and national origin, Sandler contacted the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, where she planned the first complaint against universities and colleges on discrimination.

Sandler helped the Women's Equity Action League start a national campaign to file complaints against widespread sex discrimination at universities. She formed alliances with Members of Congress, including Representative Martha Griffiths of my home state of Michigan, who gave the first speech in Congress about discrimination against women in education.

Sandler went on to become a Congressional staffer, leading the hearings on women's education and employment which led to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. After the passage of Title IX Sandler continued her fight for gender equity, delivering thousands of speeches and providing consultation for schools who sought to integrate women.

As we celebrate the 47th anniversary of Title IX, we must celebrate Doctor Bernice "Bunny" Sandler for all the hard work she put into making it possible.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding my vote on Roll Call No. 369. I unintentionally recorded my vote as NO, rather than YEA. My intention was to vote YEA on Roll Call No. 369.

## COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAPPINESS HOUSE

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Happiness House in Geneva, New York.

Fifty years ago, a collection of parents of children with Cerebral Palsy united to found Happiness House in Geneva, NY. Using funds raised by the New York State Elks Club and the Women's Club of Geneva, Happiness House opened their first childcare program, serving five children with disabilities. From these humble beginnings, Happiness House has grown throughout the years to provide a comprehensive array of programs and services to more than 1,150 children, adults and their families in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

We care about ensuring people have a fair chance to reach their full potential and Happiness House gives folks this exact opportunity. The vision of Happiness House is that every community be ready to welcome and utilize the talents and abilities of all individuals. Every day they work to make that vision a reality by providing the highest quality, innovative and cost-effective services to children and adults with and without disabilities. Happiness House cooperates with families and partners throughout the Finger Lakes community to achieve this goal.

Fifty years of serving the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Happiness House 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 fiftieth anniversary of the Happiness House.

## INSTRUCTING THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FOR RURAL, UNDERSERVED AND FEMALE VETERANS

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, my amendment instructs the Veterans Health

Administration to prioritize funding for the modernization of medical transportation programs for rural, underserved and female Veterans.

According to the American Hospital Association, 3.6 million people in the U.S. do not obtain medical care due to transportation barriers. And another report tells us that missed healthcare appointments cost the U.S. health system \$150 billion each year.

The underlying committee report includes a pilot program to address transportation barriers for rural Veterans.

In light of this and the Veterans Transportation Program, the VA can play a critical role in collaborating with other federal agencies to reduce duplication and modernize medical transportation programs across public programs.

As we work to address rising health care costs, our federal agencies collaborate to modernize and expand public medical transportation programs.

CONDEMNING FEBRUARY 14 TERRORIST ATTACKS AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PLIGHT OF THE KASHMIRI PANDITS

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 21, 2019*

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, I want to draw attention to the ongoing problem of terrorism in Kashmir and the often-overlooked plight of the Kashmiri Hindu Pandits.

On February 14, 2019, a terrorist attack in Kashmir killed 40 Indian Central Reserve Police Force personnel. This attack was perpetrated by an operative of Jaish-e-Mohammed, a U.S. and UN-designated terrorist group. Then, on June 13, 2019, 5 Indian Central Reserve Police Force personnel were killed in another terrorist attack in Kashmir perpetrated by Al Umar Mujahideen, a different terrorist organization. These attacks are hardly unusual—over the years, thousands of civilians and security personnel have been killed in terrorist attacks in Kashmir.

The United States has been attacked by terrorist groups similar to the ones in Kashmir. It is therefore imperative that we stand with India in this time of need.

The Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir has historically had a culture of religious tolerance and pluralism, where Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Christians practiced their faith freely in an atmosphere of mutual respect and peace. The violence the region has witnessed in recent decades has eroded this tradition. One group that has suffered as a result is the Kashmiri Pandits, who have lived in Kashmir for centuries. By some estimates, 300,000 Pandits once lived in Kashmir. Today, by some estimates, only 3,000–5,000 remain. This is a tragedy that is too often ignored. Sadly, the violence in Kashmir is likely to continue until different sects restore the tradition of religious tolerance and pluralism.

To conclude, I ask my colleagues to co-sponsor H. Res. 408, which Congressman PERRY, Congressman KRISHNAMOORTHY, and I introduced in May 2019. Besides condemning the February terrorist attacks, this resolution acknowledges that the House of Representatives supports the rights of religious and other minorities around the world, including the Kashmiri Pandits.