

Emergency Room—advice that would ultimately save his life.

Joe received treatment and support from his care team and is now recovering quickly. Joe said, “I can confidently say that if I need to return to the Phoenix VA, I will be in good hands.”

I want to recognize Doctor Ronald Jacoby and Nurse Shauna Fox for their exceptional care and dedication to Joe and all of our Arizona veterans. Thankfully, Joe’s prognosis is very good, and I have full faith he will beat cancer once again.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL
KILLEA ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kevin J. Killea on the event of his retirement.

Brigadier General Killea has dedicated his life to service. Born in Rockville Centre, New York, he graduated from St. Johns University, the Naval War College, the Industrial College of Armed Forces, and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

In March 1988, he was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He is a career F/A-18 fighter pilot that included multiple combat tours and key billets, which are highlighted by his command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 in the Western Pacific from 2004 to 2006, and the Marine Aircraft Group 11 from 2009 and 2011. He also served as the Chief of Staff to the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, and as Assistant Director, Land Domain, for Homeland Defense Policy for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In July 2016, Brigadier General Killea assumed command of Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and it has been my recent honor to work with him. He has had a profound impact on Camp Pendleton and the surrounding residents providing service support to more than 50,000 Marines, Sailors, families and civilian employees. He has been continually focused on ensuring our warfighters have all of the vital base support necessary to be operationally ready, and all the issues that impact of the quality of life for families. He has been a leader in environmental issues and has been dedicated to finding solutions to a range of complex problems to ensure all of the five Marine Corps West Coast installations remain tremendous neighbors to our local communities.

Brigadier General Killea has dedicated his life to serving his country. We cannot thank him enough for his service to Camp Pendleton, the Marine Corps, and the United States of America.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise to speak on the Amendment offered by Mr. BABIN.

Mr. BABIN’s amendment concerns the organization of space activities within the Department of Commerce and its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

NOAA is organized at the Department of Commerce to include the Office of Space Commerce and the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office.

Commercial space is a growing and vibrant sector of our economy. Federal government responsibilities on commercial space, including those of the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, should be evaluated and considered to determine if any changes are needed to support the Office’s ability to meet the pace and innovation of the commercial remote sensing industry.

Mr. BABIN’s amendment would move the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office and the Office of Space Commerce into a single organizational entity within the Department of Commerce.

Is this a good idea? What would be the implications?

I don’t know, but I do know that these are questions that need answers. And I, as Chair of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology plan to address them as the Committee and its Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics turn to commercial space activities and issues.

These matters should be considered within the Committee of jurisdiction, not within a multi-agency spending bill where they cannot be debated or reviewed in the light of day.

Short-circuiting regular legislative order denies opportunities for Members of the Committee of Jurisdiction to legislate on policy issues they came to Congress to address. I trust that this amendment will be removed before this appropriations bill heads to the President.

HONORING DR. ROBERT
VARTABEDIAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Robert Vartabedian. Dr. Vartabedian is retiring as the President of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri, after an exceptional career and distinguished tenure at Missouri Western State University.

Dr. Vartabedian has taught at universities across the country. While each was a very different institution, there was one common thread to each of them—Dr. Vartabedian has made each of them better. If you set foot on the Missouri Western campus during his time there, even if you somehow managed to not see it, you could not have helped but felt it. That unspoken ‘thing’ where a new level is being achieved, a new standard is being set, a new normal is being cemented into place. Of course, you can point to Craig Field at Spratt Stadium, the Craig School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship, the Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator, the Walter Cronkite Museum, or the sea of red that comes with the Kansas City Chiefs training camp. While he deserves credit for those things and they will remain as reminders of his time here, they are not his true legacy. His true legacy is in his students. The next generation of entrepreneurs and thinkers. The new leaders for northern Missouri, the new educators who will carry along his legacy even further. Those students, those lives he has touched directly or indirectly are his true and lasting legacy.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Vartabedian upon a well-earned retirement. I wish him the very best and a well-deserved rest. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 368 (Passing H. AMDT. 389 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOHN RUTHERFORD): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 369 (Passing H. AMDT. 389 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOHN RUTHERFORD): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 370 (Passing H. AMDT. 398 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 371 (Passing H. AMDT. 402 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 372 (Passing H. AMDT. 411 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JARED GOLDEN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 373 (Passing H. AMDT. 423 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. HALEY STEVENS): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 374 (Passing H. AMDT. 424 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. LAUREN UNDERWOOD): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 375 (Passing H. AMDT. 426 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 376 (Passing H. AMDT. 428 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. GREG PENCE): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 377 (Passing H. AMDT. 429 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 378 (Passing H. AMDT. 432 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ): YES;