

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAY YES SYRACUSE

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Syracuse Chapter of Say Yes to Education. Throughout its history in Central New York, Say Yes Syracuse has mentored thousands of public-school students and helped them successfully graduate high school. Additionally, Say Yes Syracuse financially supports select students after their high school graduation as they pursue postsecondary education.

Say Yes Syracuse offers a variety of services to aspiring Central New York students. These services include summer education programs, SAT study classes, and pre-college preparation seminars. As a result of Say Yes Syracuse's efforts, 9th-grade dropout rates have declined and over 4,000 Say Yes Syracuse students have enrolled in two- or four-year colleges.

In order to fulfill its commitment to local students, Say Yes Syracuse has developed strong relationships with many Central New York institutions and leaders. Syracuse University, Onondaga County Community College, the Syracuse City School District, the City of Syracuse, and Onondaga County all contribute to Say Yes Syracuse's goal of helping all Syracuse-area students reach their full academic potential. These public-private partnerships strengthen the Central New York's community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating Say Yes Syracuse's 10th anniversary. Since opening its Syracuse chapter, Say Yes to Education has positively impacted the Central New York community and provided new education opportunities to underserved students. Under the leadership of Ahmeed Turner, I am confident Say Yes Syracuse will continue to thrive in Central New York.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, If present on June 20th and 21st, I would have voted on amendments to H.R. 3055, the Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020, in the following way: NAY on the Rutherford Amendment (Roll Call No. 368); YEA on the King Amendment (Roll Call No. 369); YEA on the Blumenauer Amendment (Roll Call No. 370); YEA on the Banks Amendment (Roll Call No. 371); NAY on the Golden Amendment (Roll Call No. 372); YEA on the Stevens Amendment (Roll Call No. 373); NAY on the Underwood Amendment (Roll Call No. 374); YEA on the Banks Amendment (Roll Call No. 375); YEA on the Pence Amendment (Roll Call No. 376); YEA on the Spanberger

Amendment (Roll Call No. 377); NAY on the Wasserman Schultz Amendment (Roll Call No. 378); NAY on the Pallone Amendment (Roll Call No. 379); NAY on the Buchanan Amendment (Roll Call No. 380); YEA on the Duncan Amendment (Roll Call No. 381); NAY on the Blumenauer Amendment (Roll Call No. 382); YEA on the Gosar Amendment (Roll Call No. 383); YEA on the Duncan Amendment (Roll Call No. 384); YEA on the Mullin Amendment (Roll Call No. 385); YEA on the Mullin Amendment (Roll Call No. 386); YEA on the Graves Amendment (Roll Call No. 387); YEA on the Hice Amendment (Roll Call No. 388); YEA on the Banks Amendment (Roll Call No. 389); YEA on the Biggs Amendment (Roll Call No. 390); NAY on the Cunningham Amendment (Roll Call No. 391); YEA on the Cunningham Amendment (Roll Call No. 392); NAY on the Carbajal Amendment (Roll Call No. 393); NAY on the Hill Amendment (Roll Call No. 394); NAY on the Schrier Amendment (Roll Call No. 395); YEA on the Bost Amendment (Roll Call No. 396); YEA on the Golden Amendment (Roll Call No. 397); and voted YEA on the McAdams Amendment (Roll Call No. 398).

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH WORLD TAMIL CONFERENCE

**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the International Association of Tamil Research, the Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America, and the Chicago Tamil Sangam on the occasion of the 10th World Tamil Conference, commencing on July 4, 2019 in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Since the first World Tamil Conference in 1966, various cities around the world have hosted this important gathering of scholars and the Tamil community. The oldest sangam in the United States, Chicago Tamil Sangam is honored to observe its Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary in concert with the four-day World Tamil Conference, its important scholarly presentations on Tamil language and history, and its celebration of the rich heritage of Tamil culture and art.

This year's research conference theme is "New Historicist, Scientific and Comparative Study of the Antiquity of the Tamils, Tamil Language, Literature, Culture and Civilization." In addition to this scholarly focus, the World Tamil Conference will feature a host of cultural programs, the International Conference Seminar on Tamil Studies, a Global Tamil Entrepreneurs meeting, and a festive parade and banquet. Above all, the conference is a celebration of the vibrant Tamil community and preserves and shares the rich history and culture of Tamil people worldwide.

The 2019 World Tamil Conference also will recognize the passing of the late Dr. V.C. Kulandaiswamy, former Vice Chancellor of Anna University and Vice Chairman of the International Association of Tamil Research. In addition to his outstanding contributions to the science of hydrology, Dr. Kulandaiswamy was instrumental in bringing the International Association of Tamil Research conference to the United States, and was honored for his contributions to science, engineering and edu-

cation by the nation of India with the prestigious national Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awards.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the World Tamil Conference and the Chicago Tamil Sangam, International Association of Tamil Research, and Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America for their tireless efforts to bring together proud Tamils from around the world, for their commitment to preserving one of the world's oldest languages and civilizations, and for their many years of service to the Tamil diaspora in the United States.

IN HONOR OF MRS. NANCY DOOLEY

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Nancy Dooley, cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, niece, aunt, and friend. Nancy was a longtime resident of Colorado Springs and passed away on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Nancy was born in 1942 in Berlin, Wisconsin. Her father was an officer in the army, and throughout her childhood, she moved with her family all over the United States and to Japan, Turkey, Germany, and Korea.

Nancy loved school and became a member of the National Honor Society when she graduated from Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, in 1960. She had a warm, vibrant, and kind personality, and built numerous friendships throughout her life.

In 1962, Nancy married U.S. Army Captain Richard T. Lynch. She was expecting their second child when her husband was killed in action in Vietnam in September 1964. The loss was devastating, but with characteristic determination, she raised her children alone for the next several years. Nancy remarried U.S. Army Captain Thomas F. Dooley in 1968, a West Point graduate, who would later retire as a Lt. Colonel.

Nancy loved to travel and particularly enjoyed visiting France where she frequented Paris, The Paris Air Show, Southern France, Monte Carlo and most notably Omaha Beach, the site of the Normandy Invasion.

After she and her family moved to Colorado Springs, Nancy sold real estate, excelling at building relationships with her clients and different brokers. She was active in many military clubs, such as the Officer Spouse's Club. Nancy served for over fifteen years as an officer of the Cheyenne Mountain Republican Forum of El Paso County, Colorado, where she was known for her faithful spirit and diet-breaking cheesecake. One of Nancy's great loves and talents was cooking. She was also a devoted volunteer and leader in many local conservative groups and the Catholic church.

Nancy is survived by her husband (of fifty-one years) Tom, daughter Julie (John) Kummer, son Richard Lynch, II, brother Bill (Kathy) Blakefield, granddaughter Annelise Kummer, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Nancy will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.