

leads to a staggering economic contribution to Texas of around \$10 billion.

I salute Dell Technologies' success, am glad we share the same home town, and wish this vital pillar of the Texas economy the brightest of futures. I join all Central Texans as we look forward to years of transformation and prosperity as Dell Technologies continues growing a global business in the wonderful city of Round Rock.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I had meetings away from the Capitol during these votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 478 and NAY on Roll Call No. 479.

JETTIE COURT EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jettie Court from Dulles High School for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Jettie had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project to benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold Award project, Jettie started an annual feminine hygiene product collection called "Help the Girls. Period" through the Dulles High School's student council. She led a team of 16 volunteers to help collect 213 packages of feminine products. Court donated the products to East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry. She also ran a campaign to help women by educating the community and raise awareness of the need of feminine hygiene products.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jettie Court for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud of her accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HENDERSON YARBROUGH, FORMER TRUSTEE AND MAYOR OF MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, Mr. Henderson Yarbrough who has just ended more than forty years of civic, community and political involvement with the Village of Maywood and the County of Cook. Mr. Henderson Yarbrough started work with

the Village of Maywood under the leadership of the Honorable Joseph W. Freelon, the Villages' first African American Mayor. As an employee Henderson became immersed in affairs of the community and lived, worked and breathed Maywood. He eventually ran for both trustee and mayor, winning both positions at different times. Henderson Yarbrough has indeed been a role model for the Village of Maywood. He and his family have contributed much to the well-being of this community, the County of Cook and the State of Illinois. He has indicated that he will continue to work with and continue to support his wife Karen as she fulfills her duties as Cook County Clerk, Proviso Township Democratic Committeeman and 7th Congressional District Committeewoman. Although Mr. Yarbrough has retired from public office and from being a public office holder he will continue to be an involved citizen giving of himself to help make the world a better place in which to live.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 475; "yea" on Roll Call No. 476; "yea" on Roll Call No. 477; "nay" on Roll Call No. 478; "nay" on Roll Call No. 479; "yea" on Roll Call No. 480; "nay" on Roll Call No. 481; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 482.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Chair, I rise to support the amendment offered by Ms. LEE, which I was proud to cosponsor. I thank the gentlewoman for her leadership. There is no member of this body more principled and more passionate on this issue than the gentlewoman from California—no one who has spoken more forcefully on Congress's responsibility when it comes to war powers.

Authorizing the Iraq War was a mistake—the worst vote I ever took as a member of the House of Representatives. We can't correct the error. But we must take back the authority granted to the Bush Administration in 2002 to go to war against Saddam Hussein's regime.

This authorization simply isn't needed for any current military operations. It's just bad policy to keep it on the books.

We've seen administration after administration misuse the other existing war authoriza-

tion—the post-9/11 authorization. It's been stretched beyond anything Congress ever intended.

We don't want to see this administration or any administration try to use the Iraq War authorization in the same manner—for some purpose Congress never intended.

So, let's repeal it. Let's relegate it to the history books. That's what this amendment would do, and I'm glad to support it.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES' LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the American Association of Law Libraries' legislative advocacy program. The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), representing more than 4,100 members, is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that everyone—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—needs timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, AALL members are problem solvers of the highest order.

In 1989, the AALL Executive Board appointed AALL members Robert L. Oakley of Georgetown University Law Library and Joanne Zich of American University Washington College of Law Library as the first Washington representatives for the Association. Since that time, AALL's advocacy efforts ranged from the creation and dissemination of government information to copyright to the privacy of library users. Its successes include ensuring permanent public access to official, authentic government information by advocating for the essential work of the Library of Congress, the Law Library of Congress, and the U.S. Government Publishing Office; contributing to the enactment of transparency laws including the E-Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-347) and updates to the Freedom Information Act; and, most recently, supporting my own legislation to provide public access to Congressional Research Service reports that resulted in language included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141) directing the Congressional Research Service to make its nonconfidential reports available to the public on the internet.

The AALL Executive Board and its members celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Association's legislative advocacy program by convening on Capitol Hill on July 12, 2019 for AALL Day on the Hill. AALL members met with their elected officials about the Association's legislative priorities that include greater access to government information, access to justice, government transparency, balanced copyright laws, and privacy for library users.

I congratulate AALL on three decades of effective advocacy and wish them many more years of success.