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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 18, 2019 during roll call no. 565, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3624, Huizenga of Michigan Part C Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 566, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3624, Hill of Arkansas Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 567, On Passage, H.R. 3624, Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN DALE FORD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of Lieutenant Colonel John Dale "JD" Ford, who passed away on October 11 at the age of 56.

JD was born on October 16, 1962, in Laurel, Mississippi. He was a graduate of Taylorsville High School, where he was the second basemen for the Taylorsville Tartars baseball team. After graduation, he pursued higher education at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi.

JD answered the call to serve our great nation in the Mississippi National Guard and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in October of 2018. As a Mississippi Guardsman, JD worked in the United States Property and Fiscal Operations Department for 36 years and deployed to Kuwait and Iraq.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 29 years, Bobbi Jo Ford of Brandon, Mississippi; his sons—John Dale Ford, Jr. and William Robert Ford; his daughter, Maci Ford Whyte of Brandon, Mississippi; his sisters—Marilyn Naron of Brandon, Mississippi, Nancy Ford of Brandon, Mississippi, and Emily Evans of Taylorsville, Mississippi; as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Lieutenant Colonel John Dale Ford's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. GERTRUDE NEWSOME-JACKSON

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Gertrude Newsome-

Jackson of Philips County, who fought for civil rights throughout her entire life. A mother of 11 children, Mrs. Jackson was known throughout the Delta area as a leader in the civil-rights movement. Jackson has received recognition and honor from president's and her community members alike. Her work and legacy will forever continue to impact the great people of Arkansas.

In the 1960's, Gertrude Jackson and her husband Earlis Jackson hosted the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was quintessential in the work of desegregation throughout Arkansas and the country. With some ideas from the SNCC and inspiration from her children, she led a boycott and law suit for the desegregation and sewage fixing of Turner Elementary schools and all the surrounding local schools.

Mrs. Jackson's efforts led the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit to mandate the school district "to fully and effectively desegregate not only all facilities but the faculty and classes effective at the beginning of the 1970–71 school year." Gertrude Jackson's spirit to serve her community also led her to establish the Boys, Girls, Adults Community development center that continues to facilitate the community today in Marvell, Arkansas. I am eternally grateful for Gertrude Jackson service in our district and state.

BASELESS ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since the day President Donald Trump was elected, bitter Democrats have been obsessively scheming for any sign of alleged wrongdoing and citing impeachment of the duly elected President. Every time a new accusation comes to light, it is contrived by unsubstantiated evidence and later disproved, wasting already over \$35 million of taxpayers' hard earned money. It is disappointing that instead of addressing issues for American families, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI continues this divisive, unsubstantiated attack on President Trump.

Instead of addressing issues truly affecting Americans, such as passing the United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement (USMCA) or repealing the unjust "Widow's Tax," House Democrats continues this attempt to mislead the American people with baseless attacks on President Trump. The House Speaker's refusal to hold a floor vote where all House members can vote to authorize this inquiry conceals a public process. Let me be clear, there is no reason for these accusations aside from bitter partisan politics.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING DAVE CHAPPELLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dave Chappelle for receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor this year.

On October 27, 2019, Dave Chappelle will be the recipient of the 22nd annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. He will be the first District of Columbia-born recipient of this award, making D.C. residents exceedingly proud of his recognition.

Chappelle, who graduated from Duke Ellington School of the Arts (Duke Ellington), the city's premier performing arts high school, attributes a great deal of his success to his upbringing in the Nation's Capital and to Duke Ellington. At Duke Ellington, he was inspired by his older peers to do better and take risks in artistic expression.

After graduating from Duke Ellington, Chappelle committed to standup comedy. He later went on to produce and star in his own show, "the Dave Chappelle Show," and earn an Emmy for his performance on Saturday Night Live. His collection of awards now includes two Emmys and two Grammys.

Chappelle has never forgotten D.C. as his home. He has gone back to Duke Ellington to speak and inspire students, often reflecting on his own time at the school. He graciously gave the school his Emmy in 2017, impressing on the students that fighting the odds is possible. He is an advocate for equal rights for D.C. residents, and D.C. residents returned the love in 2017 when Chappelle was painted, alongside other well-known African American Washingtonians, on the wall of Ben's Chili Bowl on U Street.

The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is an annual award given to individuals who have impacted society in ways similar to 19th-century novelist and essayist Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Like Mark Twain, Chappelle is an intense observer of society. I could not agree more with Kennedy Center President Deborah F. Rutter when she said, "Dave is the embodiment of Mark Twain's observation that 'against the assault of humor, nothing can stand.'"

As a recipient of the Mark Twain Prize, Chappelle follows in the footsteps of America's best comedians, most recently, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, David Letterman, Bill Murray, Eddie Murphy and Jay Leno.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to honor Dave Chappelle for his contributions to the art of humor, for his contributions to the District of Columbia through his comedy and advocacy, and for receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 569.