

of those years. Mr. Neary's long service and leadership in the Montana American Legion has made him a patriotic role model for many in his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Neil Neary for his dedication and commitment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes last week (11/12 through 11/15) due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA on Roll Call No. 610; YEA on Roll Call No. 611; YEA on Roll Call No. 612; YEA on Roll Call No. 613; YEA on Roll Call No. 614; NAY on Roll Call No. 615; NAY on Roll Call No. 616; YEA on Roll Call No. 617; YEA on Roll Call No. 618; YEA on Roll Call No. 619; YEA on Roll Call No. 620; YEA on Roll Call No. 621; YEA on Roll Call No. 622; YEA on Roll Call No. 623; and NAY on Roll Call No. 624.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the second vote series on October 22, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 578.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS PRICE FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Price of Eureka, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Price is a veteran of the United States Navy. He served from 1944 to 1946 on the USS *Missoula* APA 211 earning the Pacific 2 Star Award and attaining the rank of Seaman First Class. He was on board the USS *Missoula* when the flag was raised on Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945.

Serving his community, Mr. Price has worked with special needs children for 25 years. He's given ten scholarships to local high school graduating seniors. He's also spent many years serving on boards for the local nursing home and Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Mr. Price even puts on a weekly bingo game and donates the proceeds to local charities throughout his community.

Mr. Price is a humble man who continually helps others. He has a generous heart and always blessed the people in his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Thomas Price for his dedication and service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on November 13, 2019 during roll call no. 612, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3537, Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 613, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 499, Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 614, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3734, SERV Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MR. ARTHUR MAX BACON'S RETIREMENT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an extraordinary Georgian, Mr. Arthur Max Bacon.

Max Bacon is a lifetime civil servant. He began his career at his local branch of the United States Postal Service, only retiring as the town's Postmaster in 2006 after 40 years. For some of that same time, he also served the citizens of Smyrna on their City Council for 6 years, after which he carried on his father's legacy and was elected as the Mayor of Smyrna in 1985. When he retires from his post at the end of this term, he will hold the title of the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

Mayor Bacon is a life-long resident of Smyrna's 15 square miles. He attended Smyrna Elementary School and graduated from Campbell High School in 1966. In that time, he has seen it transform from a small community to a lively, diverse suburb at the edge of Atlanta in Cobb County. Since Mayor Bacon began his tenure as mayor, Smyrna has more than doubled in residency, growing to become the second most-populated city in the county. However, that growth did not come without its challenges, which Mayor Bacon has maneuvered handedly, allowing the city to reinvent itself over the years.

Through his long span of leadership, Mayor Bacon has received numerous prestigious awards. Some highlights of those are: the 1993 Georgia Municipal Association Community Leadership Award, the Cobb County 1997 Citizen of the Year from the Marietta Daily Journal, the 2001 Citizen of the Year Award from the Smyrna Area Council of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, and the 2015

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award by Campbell High School.

Mayor Bacon will be remembered for serving his tireless efforts to serve his hometown and improve the lives of its residents. A mark of a true leader is doing what you think is right, even if it is not the most politically popular choice. Throughout his time as the head of the city of Smyrna, Max Bacon did just that. He is leaving behind an extraordinary legacy, and it is only fitting that we commemorate his contribution to the Smyrna, and the greater Georgia community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Max Bacon on his retirement, and I extend my sincerest wishes for his continued health and happiness.

May God continue to bless Mr. Arthur Max Bacon.

RECOGNIZING HAROLD RIENSCHER FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harold Riensch Senior of Reed Point, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Riensch is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He is a Vietnam veteran who served in the 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division earning awards like the Navy Cross, and attaining the rank of Master Gunner Sergeant.

During the Vietnam War, Mr. Riensch and his crew were assigned to recover a disabled tank. During this mission, their vehicle detonated a mine. While repairing their vehicle, the Marines came under heavy fire. In an instant, two of Staff Sergeant Riensch's crew were killed and two others were wounded leaving him alone to defend his injured crew and damaged vehicle. With the help of a few grenades and unmatched bravery, Mr. Riensch was able to fight off the Northern Vietnamese soldiers by himself until backup arrived. His quick action and heroism saved the lives of his two fellow Marines.

After completing his military service, Mr. Riensch served as a member of the Stillwater County Weed control Board and President of the local community landowner's association. His friends and neighbors say Mr. Riensch never hesitates to help when asked upon.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Harold Riensch Senior for his dedication and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF STEVE F. DEMPSEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sheriff Steve Dempsey