

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy:

Mr. LAMBORN, Colorado

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF SERGEANT STEVEN RHODES

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Sergeant Steven Rhodes for his dedication to public safety in my district.

Sergeant Rhodes is a 20-year veteran of the Bayonne Police Department in Bayonne, New Jersey. He has worked in the Patrol Division, Community Oriented Policing Unit, Detective Bureau, and the Juvenile Aid Bureau. He has earned a Departmental Valor Award, six commendations, four Excellent Police Service Awards, and two Meritorious Police Service Awards.

Yesterday, he was presented the 2019 Freedom Fund Award by the Bayonne branch of the NAACP. He has earned this award as much as all of the others, and I am proud to call him a resident of the 10th Congressional District.

He has continued to look out for his community through law enforcement, but with a community edge, and that is what we need in our communities.

#### BAT CONSERVATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, recently, I had the pleasure of joining the Pennsylvania Game Commission for a briefing to highlight the importance of bats and voluntary conservation. I was also joined there by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The U.S. bat population plays an important role in Pennsylvania's ecosystem and agricultural industry. They also help producers with insect control, pollination, and seed dispersal.

This is a good thing for our environment, too, and for the health of our agricultural yields, because when the bat populations can eat thousands of insects a night, that means fewer pesticides.

These creatures are truly amazing. Several years ago, it was that vampire bat saliva could be used to create anti-

stroke medication. With more than 1,300 different species, the potential for lifesaving medication, innovative agricultural practices, and any number of new discoveries is limitless.

That is why I introduced H. Res. 663, to establish October 24 to October 31 as Bat Week. Whether we realize it or not, bats play a role in our everyday lives, and they deserve our commitment to conservation.

#### JUSTICE MUST BE RENDERED FOR ALL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate a collective group of Republicans and Democrats, people from the faith community who joined together to acknowledge that Rodney Reed, an inmate on death row for more than 20 years, with new DNA evidence and witnesses who indicated that another individual, the fiancée of the victim, may have committed this crime, was given the opportunity for an indefinite suspension by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

It is important, as Texas probably remains one of the States with the largest number of individuals on death row, that we do not take the victim's interests lightly or that of the perpetrator and convicted person.

Mr. Reed did not and was not convicted by a jury of his peers. The jury was not diverse in Giddings, Texas. There was subsequent evidence, as I indicated, DNA evidence, as I have indicated.

It is important as much for the justice for the victim to know, or the victim's family to know, the actual perpetrator who did this dastardly act and took a life as it is for the man sitting on death row.

So religious community leaders, international leaders, my colleague in the United States Senate Senator CRUZ, I, and others around the State want to recognize the work of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, after the fact, and, of course, the Board of Pardons.

Justice must be rendered for all, and that is what is happening in Texas today.

#### TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE LIVES

(Mr. MAST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, last month, more than 30,000 scientists, including many from Florida, congregated for Neuroscience 2019, an annual event dedicated to understanding the brain and the nervous system.

Now, one of the many brain diseases that was discussed at this annual meeting was glioblastoma, which is, unfortunately, prevalent in the part of Florida that I represent. As a matter of

fact, just last week, my friend, Mark Cunningham, who was diagnosed with this aggressive cancer 3 years ago, passed after many years of fighting for his life.

I ask that you join me in praying for the Cunningham family and all those still fighting this horrible disease. I also ask that you thank God for the inspiring person that Mark proved to be every day of his life.

I would just say that I am thankful for the neuroscientists working tirelessly to learn more about this disease. Last year, our community received more than \$48 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health to conduct research aimed at understanding the nervous system.

I have seen firsthand the important work being done at research institutes in my community, including the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience, and I am very confident that we can save lives.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD TYSON

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening with a heavy heart to honor the extraordinary life of Bernard Tyson, who passed away on November 10 and whom, as we speak, the Bay area is paying tribute to in a memorial in San Francisco.

Bernard Tyson was one of our Nation's most influential African American CEOs and healthcare leaders, serving as the first African American CEO of Kaiser, and transforming Kaiser's healthcare system into a model for healthcare providers everywhere.

Bernard's tireless dedication to improving the quality of healthcare was exemplified in his push to create a more accessible and affordable healthcare system for all.

Throughout his life, Bernard sparked systematic change and innovation, addressing inequities that disproportionately affect communities of color.

He was a role model and mentor to so many African American young men, including my son, Tony, who recently had lunch with him to discuss his insights into the future of healthcare.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Denise, his entire family, to our entire community, and the country.

We lost a warrior and a great humanitarian; but, as we mourn his passing, let us celebrate his life and make sure that his legacy lives.

May Bernard rest in peace, and may he rest in power.

#### END GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

(Mr. BALDERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment