

house and threw it to Tony. He tied the cord around the police officer. Tony held the extension cord tightly while the police officer attempted to break through the ice to save the children.

Mukwonago Fire and Rescue arrived while Tony and the police officer were in the icy pond. The Fire and Rescue members began throwing additional rope to Tony, the police officer, and the children. The members of the rescue unit pulled everyone to shore. During this whole situation, Tony was in the icy water for over five minutes trying to reach the children. He showed bravery and risked his life to save the children.

Tony's quick thinking and selflessness led to the two children being saved. He is a hero.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Tony for his heroic actions. When faced with a decision to risk his life and save these children, Tony did not think twice.

REMEMBERING JEANNE SULLIVAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jeanne Sullivan, who passed away on November 24th after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Jeanne was born in China and spent most of her childhood in Brazil and Montreal, Canada, before immigrating to the United States with her parents. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in Comparative Religion and spoke five languages fluently.

In her free time, Jeanne read thousands of books and was an accomplished artist. Her home was filled with art, as well as projects for her church, community, and grandchildren. Loving wife, mother to her three children, Tamara, Pandi and Nick, and dedicated grandmother, she brought a sense of imagination and profound love to everyone she touched.

Jeanne lived her life helping others and caring for the community around her. Even in her final days, she was thinking of others, and told her children that her greatest purpose in life was bringing joy to all people. Jeanne will always be remembered for her knowledge, spirit, and commitment to her community—all of which she passed down to her children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, due to a family illness, I was not in Washington, D.C. on January 8, 2020, and, as a result, I missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 2, ordering the previous question providing on H. Res. 779; "aye" on roll call vote no. 3, on agreeing to H. Res. 779, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 535, the "PFAS Action Act of 2019;" and "aye" on roll call vote no. 4, final passage of H.R. 2281, the "Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2020."

I had to leave Washington, D.C. on January 9, 2020, and, as a result, I missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 8, final passage of H.R. 5078, the "Prison to Proprietorship Act."

I was also not in Washington, D.C. on January 10, 2020, and, as a result, I missed five votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote no. 9, agreeing to the Burgess Amendment to H.R. 535; "no" on roll call vote no. 10, agreeing to the Balderson Amendment to H.R. 535; "aye" on roll call vote no. 11, agreeing to the Pappas Amendment to H.R. 535; "no" on roll call vote no. 12, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 535 with instructions; and "yes" on roll call vote no. 13, final passage of H.R. 535, the "PFAS Action Now Act."

THANKING FRAZIER PAYNE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALABAMA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my deepest appreciation for my Deputy District Director, Frazier Payne, for his 17 years of service to Alabama's First Congressional District. Today marks Frazier's final day serving the people of Southwest Alabama.

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Frazier jumped headfirst into politics working for the successful campaign of my predecessor representing Alabama's First District, Jo Bonner. Frazier faithfully served Congressman Bonner during his entire tenure in office, and I and the people of Southwest Alabama were very fortunate when Frazier agreed to join my staff as well.

As Deputy District Director, Frazier has been invaluable as my representative in communities throughout our district. Few people know Southwest Alabama better than Frazier. He is well-known by constituents, local leaders and elected officials. More importantly, he has their trust. And they know he has mine too.

People are drawn to Frazier not only because of his likability but because he is trustworthy. His reputation for integrity and as someone who can be relied upon has been so valuable to me and my staff. He has always had my full trust, and I have been better able to serve my constituents because of his wise counsel.

Next week Frazier will begin his next chapter as Regional External Affairs Liaison with the Alabama Community College System, covering southwest Alabama and its three community colleges. I am so pleased he will remain in Mobile, and I am confident he will continue as an engaged leader in our community.

I thank his wife Lesley and children Lula and Corrine for allowing their husband and father to serve the people of the First District for 17 years. We've scored so many significant victories for Southwest Alabama during this time, and we are all better for his service.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I congratulate Frazier for beginning an exciting new opportunity and thank him for his years of hard work, commitment, and service to Southwest Alabama.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was unable to vote on the first two amendments to H.R. 535. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 9, and YEA on Roll Call No. 10.

SERGEANT MAJOR SERGIO MARTINEZRUIZ RETIRES FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service and career of Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz, who will retire from the Marine Corps on January 10, 2020 after a twenty-seven-year career serving our nation.

Sergeant Major Martinez enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1993. Upon completion of both Marine Combat Training and Basic Engineer School, he was assigned to the 8th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB) as a combat engineer. During his time with 8th ESB he deployed numerous times in support of Joint Task Force (JTF)-6's counter drug operations. Sergeant Major Martinez has served as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor, as well as an Assistant Marine Officer Instructor and Marine Officer Instructor. Over the course of his impressive career, Sergeant Major Martinez has deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and once to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and his decorations include a Bronze Star Medal.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz my sincere congratulations on his retirement. As a retired Marine myself, I know how difficult this change can be, but I am truly grateful to him for his outstanding service to our nation. Semper Fi.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOHN EDWARD GRAY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Retired Colonel John Edward Gray of Mount Ulla, North Carolina, who passed away earlier this month at age 94.

Colonel Gray was born in Cleveland, North Carolina on August 24, 1925 and went on to serve in five campaigns against the Japanese in the Pacific theater in World War II.

Following the war, he returned home and resumed his education at Davidson College. After he graduated in 1949, he served again in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.