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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, I was unable to cast roll call votes from January 10th–16th and on January 27th and 29th. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on roll call 9, I would have voted No; on roll call 10, I would have voted No; on roll call 11, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 12, I would have voted No; on roll call 13, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 14, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 15, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 16, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 17, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 18, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 19, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 20, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 21, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 22, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 23, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 24, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 28, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 29, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 30, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 31, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 32, I would have voted Nay.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE WADDELL WILSON

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Waddell Wilson upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

As an engine builder and crew chief, Waddell Wilson helped power some of racing's greatest drivers, including fellow NASCAR Hall of Famers David Pearson, Glenn Roberts, Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, and Darrell Waltrip. Combined, his engines boast a total of 109 wins and 123 poles.

Waddell Wilson's engine is responsible for a Southern 500 victory and as crew chief, he guided three drivers to Daytona 500 titles. He won "The Great American Race" with Buddy Baker and Cale Yarborough and in 1980, was responsible for assembling the engine that snapped the track's record with an average race speed of 177.602 MPH.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR

legends in the Hall of Fame. Waddell Wilson is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Waddell Wilson on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN WHEELER FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will soon bid farewell to its Senior Advisor for Congressional Appropriations, Mr. Brian Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler has been the TSA's liaison to the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee for the past 17 years, and will be retiring from the federal government after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. He will be greatly missed by his TSA colleagues, as well as by the members and professional staff of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

As chairwoman of this subcommittee, and as a member of the subcommittee since its creation, I am grateful to Mr. Wheeler for his diligent and reliable work to relay key financial and security matters to our subcommittee. He has accurately addressed our requests, and consistently met tight timelines. The information he has provided to us has been invaluable in our subcommittee's efforts to mitigate future threats to our nation's transportation systems, including our work to fund such TSA needs as more advanced detection equipment and crucial increases in personnel at airport checkpoints across the nation.

Our Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee has greatly benefited from Mr. Wheeler's commitment, dependability, and experience. He has provided invaluable insights into the operations of a complex transportation security system managed by a large domestic agency sourced with both appropriated funds and mandatory fee revenue. He also has a keen awareness of the kinds of information appropriators need as we make informed judgments and decisions about the TSA.

Mr. Wheeler's superb analytical skills, including his graphic and chartmaking talents, have been essential to our subcommittee's review of the TSA's annual budget requests, which now exceed \$8 billion worth of budget authority. He translates several hundred pages of budget submissions into concise summaries. He has built detailed spreadsheets that have synthesized funding issues into easily understood programmatic rationales, which has put the subcommittee in a position to optimize our use of taxpayer dollars by ensuring that only critical requirements are funded.

Mr. Wheeler has given outstanding service to our subcommittee, the House, the TSA, and the nation. His professionalism, perception, superb analytic focus, and technical skills have been invaluable to us. On behalf of all of us at the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I wish him all the best as he moves into retirement and the next phase of his life's journey.

THE RETIREMENT OF U.S. BORDER PATROL CHIEF CARLA PROVOST

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of U.S. Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost. After serving our nation for 25 years, she is retiring this Friday.

A native of rural Kansas, Chief Provost first joined the U.S. Border Patrol on January 8, 1995, and was assigned to Douglas, Arizona. Despite the significant culture shock, Chief Provost remained in southeast Arizona another ten years. In 2006, she was transferred to Yuma, where she served for an additional five years. As an Arizona resident, I am grateful for the 15 years she spent keeping our border secure and our communities safe.

Chief Provost went on to hold several leadership roles throughout her career, serving the El Paso and El Centro Sectors, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and was appointed Chief of U.S. Border Patrol in April 2017.

Every American should be grateful for the men and women who serve in the U.S. Border Patrol. Safeguarding our nation's border can be dangerous and grueling work. But I hear time and again from border-region residents that their work is vital. Chief Provost describes her background as "pride-in-country and service-to-country." She is a great example of and for the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol.

I thank Chief Provost for her many years of service and leadership of the agency, and I wish her well in her retirement.

HONORING WELDON DAVIS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Arkansan Weldon Davis, who passed away on December 17, 2019.

Weldon, a native of Mount Vernon, Arkansas, graduated from Mount Vernon high school in 1944, and attended college at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway.

He later attended the University of Arkansas Law School, taking classes at night after a full day's work, from which he received his law degree in 1964.

He began his career at Arkansas Farm Bureau Insurance Company in 1954, where he helped guide it to its success today.

The Arkansas Farm Bureau even presents an outstanding adjuster award presented in his honor at the Farm Bureau's claims conference.

During his career with the Farm Bureau he continued to maintain his 640-acre cattle farm in Mount Vernon.

According to his family, he will be remembered as a man of character, honesty, directness, integrity, and fairness.

Weldon's life is a testament to the hard work embraced by Central Arkansans.