

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. This bill, which passed the House in the 114th Congress, would make a small but important change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), giving them the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees.

We were able to get buyout authority for the D.C. Courts and PDS in fiscal year 2020 in the recently enacted spending bill. However, my bill is necessary to make this authorization permanent. Buyouts would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to future administrative and budgetary needs, and would provide the flexibility to extend buyout offers to their employees.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has determined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. Federal agencies and federal courts already have the statutory authority to offer buyouts, and there is no reason why the D.C. Courts and PDS should not have the same express authority in order to manage their workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was absent from a vote which occurred on February 13th. I was with the Vice President of the United States, meeting with constituents, in my congressional district and unable to make the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 70 (H.J. Res. 79).

GROVELAND FOUR MONUMENT DEDICATION

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of four young African American men who in 1949 in Lake County, FL, were harshly and unjustly mistreated by our judicial system—Charles Greenlee, Walter Irving, Samuel Shepherd, and Ernest Thomas.

The Groveland Four case, as it became known, centered around the alleged sexual assault of a 17-year-old white girl and an attack on her husband. Given the cruel reality of the social and racial divide of 1949 Florida, it would have been impossible for these young men to receive a fair and unbiased trial, despite being represented by Thurgood Marshall.

The incident lit a chain of events in our community that will forever be remembered as some of the most painful and scarring moments in our history. Almost 70 years later, the City of Groveland and Lake County apologized to their survivors and in 2019, Gov. Ron DeSantis officially pardoned the men—actions I commend.

It is never too late for justice, and never too late to do what is right. We have grown since those times in Lake County, but we're not done. I pray that the Groveland Four Monument brings some healing to their surviving family members, and that it is a constant reminder to us to always pursue truth and justice for all of our citizens.

CLIFF NOLAN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Barnegat, New Jersey resident Cliff Nolan, and to remember his life and legacy.

On Friday February 14, 2020, family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Cliff Nolan at Thos L. Shinn Funeral Home, Manahawkin, New Jersey and reflect on his many achievements and compassion.

Born in Kearny, New Jersey, in 1957, Cliff Nolan attended and graduated from Kearny High School before enlisting and proudly serving in the United States Army. Following his return stateside, Cliff pursued a career with the International Brotherhood of the Teamsters. During his time with the union, Mr. Nolan served in several capacities with Teamsters, including as a Drive Representative based out of the Washington, D.C. headquarters.

After years of traveling the country for the International Brotherhood of the Teamsters, Mr. Nolan went on to work for the union's

Joint Council, Local 73 in New Jersey. Cliff then began to facilitate the union's local political organization efforts assisting campaigns in preparation for elections, while also lobbying elected leaders to support issues beneficial to his members.

In his free time Mr. Nolan was actively involved in the community, generously donating his time to volunteering with charities, including the Heroes to Hearts Program which provides spiritual healing and peer support to military personal and veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Additionally, Mr. Nolan also volunteered with the Australian Challenge Program and was instrumental in setting up events for children with cancer to enjoy a "Trip of a Lifetime" during their time in the United States of America.

Mr. Nolan's family, including his loyal parrot bird Gus who never left his side, friends and union brothers were very important to him. Cliff is remembered by those close to him as being laid-back, always happy and always looking to make those around him happy. Whenever his friends or family called on him to help, he was there without any thought or hesitation. He is survived by his wife Nancy, his mother Dolores, his sister Tracey and his adored nephew Joseph, his stepchildren Rick Roeder and Kasi Shepard and his four step grandchildren Blake Roeder, Preston Shephard, Hayden Shephard, and Bryna Shephard and his many cousins. Cliff Nolan was a great American and his service to our country will not be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Cliff Nolan, of Barnegat, New Jersey, an honorable friend, veteran, a dedicated union leader who fought tirelessly for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and dedicated his life to serving his country, community and all union workers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of February 10 through 13, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 55; YEA on Roll Call No. 56; NAY on Roll Call No. 57; NAY on Roll Call No. 58; YEA on Roll Call No. 59; NAY on Roll Call No. 60; YEA on Roll Call No. 61; YEA on Roll Call No. 62; YEA on Roll Call No. 63; YEA on Roll Call No. 64; YEA on Roll Call No. 65; YEA on Roll Call No. 66; YEA on Roll Call No. 67; YEA on Roll Call No. 68; NAY on Roll Call No. 69, and NAY on Roll Call No. 70.

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