

told me not to go, that it was too violent, and that there would be consequences. But I knew I had to go, and I had to see for myself.

Not only was it not a war-torn area, as Azerbaijan would have you believe, but Artsakh was beautiful and charming. And I was able to see and feel the national pride that was there. Azerbaijan may not want to recognize Artsakh, but all you have to do is walk around and talk to the people there and you will know. The Armenian people are alive and thriving in Artsakh.

But something else I saw while I was there was the lingering damage caused by Azerbaijan's war on Artsakh. Land mines still make so much land unusable, threatening the lives of farmers, children, or people just out for a walk. And Azerbaijan's military still threatens the peace along the border. That is why, last year, I introduced and secured House passage of a pro-peace amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. This common-sense amendment urged all parties to agree on the non-deployment of snipers, heavy arms, and new weapons; the deployment of additional OSCE monitors, and; the placement of gunfire-locators along the line-of-contact. But sadly, despite overwhelming support in this House, the Senate caved to pressure from Azerbaijan and stripped this amendment.

And now, in another gift to Azerbaijan, the State Department seems ready to end funding for demining. This is unacceptable. I was privileged to visit the HALO Trust in Artsakh, which leads the demining work there, and I was amazed at how much land was cleared and made usable again. Thanks to HALO, thousands of mines and unexploded ordnance have been identified and removed, and Armenians in Artsakh are able to reclaim lands that had been too dangerous before. We cannot let this work go unfinished. I am committed to standing with the people of Artsakh though, and that is why, as we consider Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations, I will be supporting no less than \$10 million for Artsakh demining and rehabilitation services.

You can count on me to always stand with the Armenian people and to stand up for democracy and peace in Artsakh.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes on March 2, 2020 due to family medical matters in Alabama. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act and YEA on H.R. 5932, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act of 2020.

HONORING NSOMBI LAMBRIGHT-HAYNES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a worthy mem-

ber of our society, Mrs. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes is the Executive Director of One Voice, a statewide leadership development and policy advocacy organization, headquartered in Jackson, MS. The goal of One Voice is to build leadership in an effort to address structural oppressions that show up in the institutions that are significant in the lives of families, including the public education system, voting, the environment, and the criminal justice system.

Before beginning her role at One Voice, Nsombi Lambright-Haynes served as the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Mississippi for eight years. Under her leadership, the ACLU challenged the state's prison system, the denial of voting rights for people with felony convictions, and a number of schools to prison pipeline cases. The ACLU also led several LGBTQ cases during her time there.

Nsombi Lambright-Haynes serves on the City of Jackson's Civil Service Commission and Criminal Justice Taskforce and served on the transition teams of Jackson Mayors, Chokwe Lumumba and Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

She has received several honors including the Chokwe Lumumba Award for Advancing Social Justice (2019) the Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Award (2012) and the Young Women in the NAACP Award (2008).

Nsombi Lambright-Haynes is a 1994 graduate of Tougaloo College (B.A. English-Journalism) and a 1996 graduate of Jackson State University (Master of Public Policy and Administration).

Nsombi Lambright-Haynes sits on the boards of the Center for Constitutional Rights, the National Network for Justice and the Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is also a Life Member of the Jackson Branch of the NAACP. She worships at Christ The King Catholic Church in Jackson.

She is the mother of an adult son, Julian Lambright and resides in Jackson with her husband, Joseph Christopher Haynes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD SNYDER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Howard Snyder the founder and long-time Executive Director of the Northwest Side Community Development Corporation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For nearly 40 years, Howard has been a critical ally for economic development in some of Milwaukee's most disadvantaged areas and this year will be stepping down from his role.

Howard began his career as a community organizer for the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center advocating for housing on Milwaukee's Northwest Side. After serving for six years, Howard saw the communities dire need for economic development and founded the

Northwest Side Community Development Corporation (NWS CDC) in 1983. His vision for NWS CDC was an organization that could help lead the transformation of the Northwest Side of Milwaukee into a preferred destination for business and residents.

Under Howard's leadership, the NWS CDC has served the development needs of Milwaukee's low-income communities by assisting the expansion of industries and small businesses. Since the year 2000 alone, the NWS CDC has lent over \$10 million to several major projects for its constituency. As a result, economic growth has continued to spur, creating new jobs, markets, and services for these communities. One of these notable projects included the redevelopment of the Villard Avenue Library on Villard with 47 housing units for "grand families", grandparents serving as the primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

Today NWS CDC is one of the oldest and most dynamic community development corporations, serving as a model for the rest of the country. It has been a catalyst for change in our city; rehabbing properties and lending funds to new businesses. In a community that is still recovering from the effects of deindustrialization, this organization has given our community hope for a grander future.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to have a leader like Howard in our community. His heart has always been set on improving the lives of the community he serves. The compassion and ongoing success of NWS CDC reflects the kindness and leadership he has provided to the Greater Milwaukee community.

While he may be entering a new chapter of his life, I know that his work and dedication will not end. Madam Speaker, Howard Snyder has made Milwaukee and the 4th Congressional District, a better place and I salute him for his love and service to its residents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 28, 2020, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: (Roll no. 76) On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2819—Gold Star Mothers Families National Monument Extension Act, had I been present I would have voted yes. (Roll no. 77) On Motion to Recommit with Instructions of H.R. 2339—Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act, had I been present I would have voted yes. (Roll no. 78) On Passage of H.R. 2339—Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

RECOGNITION OF RICK KELLER'S SERVICE TO IDAHO AGRICULTURE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rick Keller on