

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE
TAMAYO

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American and prominent leader in the veteran community in Burlington County, Joe Tamayo.

Joe Tamayo's life was defined by his service to his country, his community, and those in need. Joe was drafted into the Army to fight in the Korean war, where he served five tours and earned a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat during the battle of Pork Chop Hill. After he left Korea, Joe served two tours of duty in Germany, as well as a tour in Vietnam, before eventually returning to the United States on assignment at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

In addition to his Purple Heart, throughout his time in the Army Joe received a number of awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor, a Combat Infantry Badge, a National Defense Service Medal, and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. After twenty-two years of service to his country, Joe retired from active duty in 1973.

Despite his retirement, Joe continued to seek out ways to serve his community and care for those in need. Joe focused his energy on troubled youth and took a position working at the New Jersey Children's Home in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. For thirty years at the Children's Home, Joe worked to instill a sense of pride, self-respect, discipline and self-worth in his students.

After retiring from his work with the Children's home, Joe continued to be an active member of several Veteran Service Organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart Association, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the 24th Infantry Regiment Combat Team Association, otherwise known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Throughout his life after his time in the military, Joe maintained his commitment to service and helped to support his fellow veterans in Burlington County.

Joe Tamayo's story is a reminder to all of us that our veterans make incredible sacrifices not just to defend our nation, but also to support our communities and those most in need. I thank Joe for his lifetime of service to our nation and offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ALLEN

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of Christopher Michael Allen, who passed away at the age of 47 in his home in Jackson, Mississippi, on March

28, 2019, while surrounded by his family and friends. Chris dedicated much of his attention to raising his three daughters, Anna Leigh, Addy Katherine, and Mills, was an avid Ole Miss sports fan, and loved attending sporting events with friends.

Chris also enjoyed spending time with his many friends and loved ones and was known as a loyal friend. A close companion of Chris once said that every one of his friends has thought of Chris Allen as their best friend at one time or another. Chris used his smile, humor, and kind heart to comfort those around him and to create joy in those who shared his company. His family and his friends viewed his company as a blessing.

Earlier last year, Chris was diagnosed with progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), a rare viral brain disease that never impacted Chris's desire to care for his loving family and close friends. He is survived by his daughters, Anna Leigh Allen, Addy Katherine Allen, and Mills Allen; their mother Leigh Ann Allen; his mother, Debbie Allen; siblings Robby Allen (Ashley) and Brooke Chandler (Chan); and a multitude of extended family and friends who continue to remember the joy he brought to their lives.

ALAN CABRAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alan Cabral for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Alan Cabral is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alan Cabral is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alan Cabral for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3, I was not present for votes as I was in Houston for the Texas Primary Election. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79; YEA on Roll Call No. 80; YEA on Roll Call No. 81; and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act, which would give the District of Columbia the authority to raise the pay of its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). There is no reason the District should not have the authority to set the pay of every local official who is paid with local funds, as a matter of its existing home-rule authority.

In 2013, Congress enacted a law that gave the District more authority to set the CFO's pay. However, Congress did not give D.C. full and complete authority over this local matter. This bill would give D.C. the authority to set the CFO's pay commensurate with its best judgment based on factors such as comparisons with similar positions elsewhere, the competitive market, and other factors generally used in determining pay. I was able to get at least some needed change in 2013 by amending the Home Rule Act to change the CFO's salary from a fixed rate of pay that was tied to a federal pay schedule to a maximum allowable pay, or ceiling, tied to a federal pay schedule. That ceiling was and is substantially higher than the fixed rate. However, D.C. should have full control over setting the salaries of its own employees.

I introduced the 2013 bill after a D.C. CFO search committee indicated that the fixed rate of pay was not high enough to attract the best talent needed for this complex and demanding job. The responsibilities of the CFO, a position created by Congress, are unique in the United States. The CFO is extraordinarily powerful and independent. The District cannot obligate or expend funds without the CFO's approval, and the CFO can be terminated only "for cause." My bill would not allow the CFO's salary to be lowered and maintains the "for cause" termination provision, so as to preserve the independence of the position. The District needs the authority to pay the rate necessary to retain and attract the best CFOs, especially since the District must compete with the private sector for highly qualified CFOs.

This is an important step to increase necessary home-rule authority for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken on Tuesday, March 3, due to it being primary election day in California. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 81 (Passing H. Res. 387): YES; and

Roll Call Vote Number 82 (Passing H.R. 4508, the Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act): YES.