

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 179: Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1092—NAY; Roll Call 180: H. Res. 1092—NAY; Roll Call 181: REPUBLICAN MOTION TO RECOMMIT H.R. 8015 WITH INSTRUCTIONS—YEA; and Roll Call 182: H.R. 8015 “DELIVERING FOR AMERICA ACT”—NAY.

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HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes during the weeks of July 20th and 27th and on August 22nd due to full-time military duties with South Carolina Air National Guard.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 139; NAY on Roll Call No. 140; NAY on Roll Call No. 141; NAY on Roll Call No. 142; YEA on Roll Call No. 143; NAY on Roll Call No. 144; NAY on Roll Call No. 145; NAY on Roll Call No. 146; NAY on Roll Call No. 147; NAY on Roll Call No. 148; NAY on Roll Call No. 149; NAY on Roll Call No. 150; YEA on Roll Call No. 151; YEA on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; NAY on Roll Call No. 154; YEA on Roll Call No. 155; NAY on Roll Call No. 156; NAY on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; NAY on Roll Call No. 159; NAY on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; NAY on Roll Call No. 166; YEA on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; NAY on Roll Call No. 172; NAY on Roll Call No. 173; NAY on Roll Call No. 174; NAY on Roll Call No. 175; YEA on Roll Call No. 176; YEA on Roll Call No. 177; NAY on Roll Call No. 178; NAY on Roll Call No. 179; NAY on Roll Call No. 180; YEA on Roll Call No. 181; and NAY on Roll Call No. 182.

HONORING MARK MALCHOFF, FOUNDING MEMBER OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN SEA GRANT INSTITUTE, FOR HIS LONGTIME SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Malchoff, a founding member of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute, for his 21 years of service to the North Country community, protecting and preserving our lakes and native aquatic life.

Founded in 1999, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute aims to raise awareness to improve the environmental health of Lake Champlain, Lake George, and their respective watersheds, and encourage sustainable economic development. Throughout the 21-year partnership between State University of New York—Plattsburgh and the University of Vermont, grantees, like Mr. Malchoff, have espoused research excellence, public service, and a strong dedication to preserving the natural environment and resources these Lakes offer.

Mr. Malchoff has been a vital part of the program's success from the very beginning. He has worked as an Aquatic Resource Specialist for 21 years based at SUNY—Plattsburgh and is one of two original staff members to still be with the Institute. He has authored or co-authored 26 research publications which are cataloged by the National Sea Grant Library and advanced our understanding of the natural eco-system in and around Lake Champlain. His expertise has shaped groundbreaking research on many pressing issues in the environment including the transport of crude oil and the prevention of aquatic invasive species spread. He has also spent some time as an adjunct professor at SUNY—Plattsburgh, passing on his knowledge to the next generation and inspiring students to follow in his footsteps.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Malchoff for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on reaching this important milestone. I wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 22, 2020, I was unavoidably detained away from the House Chamber.

Had I been present, I would have voted: ‘Nay’ on Roll Call Number 179 for bill number H. RES. 1092 H.R. 8015 On Ordering the Previous Question; ‘Nay’ on Roll Call Number 180 for bill number H. RES. 1092 On Agreeing to the Resolution; ‘Yay’ on Roll Call Number 181 for bill number H.R. 8015 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; and ‘Nay’ on Roll Call Number 182 for bill number H.R. 8015 “Delivering for America Act” On Passage.

For years, the U.S. Postal Service has faced serious financial problems that have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. Significant reforms are needed at USPS to put it on a sustainable path. Already this year, Congress has given USPS additional access to \$10 billion worth of funding to cover operating expenses of which the Post Office has yet to use. Simply delivering another \$25 billion—at substantial taxpayer cost—without operational changes is bad policy. Congress must stem the Postal Service's recurrent losses, which have totaled \$83.1 billion since 2006, and reduce its unfunded pension and healthcare liabilities, which total more than \$120 billion. Another government bailout for an agency that has a long history of fiscal mismanagement is not the right answer. The

systemic challenges of USPS pose no threat to the November presidential election, however. The Postmaster General has assured Americans that “the Postal Service is ready today to handle whatever volume of election mail it receives this fall.” There is no obstacle to state Secretaries of State from sending ballots to voters who request them with enough time for them to be returned and counted. Rather than playing political games, we should work together to achieve what we all want, which is to count every vote and build a Postal Service that works for the 21st century.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHIEF
JAMES “JEB” BEALER**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Chief James “Jeb” Bealer, who tragically passed away on March 22, 2020. A loving husband, proud father and grandfather, and a 50-year member of the Howlett Hill Fire Department, Chief Bealer will be dearly missed.

After graduating from Marcellus Central Schools and SUNY Cobleskill, Chief Bealer went on to serve with the Howlett Hill Fire Department. Starting as an Assistant Secretary, he worked his way up the ranks and was eventually named Chief of the Department. An active member of the Howlett Hill Fire Department for 50 years, Chief Bealer was only the second person in the Department's history to reach this milestone. In addition to his work with the Howlett Hill Fire Department, he also gave his time to the Onondaga County Fire Chiefs Association, Onondaga County Fireman's Association, New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Firemen's Association of New York, and Western Section Line Officers Association. Outside of his career in firefighting, for 35 years Chief Bealer worked for the Town of Onondaga Highway Department and most recently worked as a bus driver for West Genesee Central Schools.

Personally, Chief Bealer was dedicated to his family and friends. He was married to his wife Denise for 48 years, and together, they have four children and ten grandchildren. A role model to his family, Chief Bealer inspired his granddaughter to join the Howlett Hill Fire Department. Before his passing, he was set to present her with an award, celebrating her successful completion of fire training.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life and career of Chief James “Jeb” Bealer. A cherished member of our Central New York community, Chief Bealer will truly be missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we celebrate his life.

IN HONOR OF LINDA LANIER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Lanier, a mother to children, bobcats, eagles and many other wild

creatures. After 39 years as the premiere volunteer at San Mateo County's science playground and zoo, CuriOdyssey, Linda is passing the reigns to a new generation of leaders. If you listen carefully, you may hear the Barn Owls screech as they learn that their most ardent friend and promoter will be leaving.

The homes of these creatures and dozens more were constructed in the 1980's because Linda, working with other members of the Board of Directors, led an exceptionally successful fundraising effort. This began the pattern: Linda would set a fundraising objective and relentlessly pursue it. Simply put, it wasn't easy to tell Linda "no."

Having raised funds, she then supervised construction of the animal habitats. Today, in a peaceful setting amidst the eucalyptus trees, children from throughout the region view falcons, hawks, frogs, snakes, guinea pigs, otters, tortoises, tarantulas, and dozens of other creatures which are at home at CuriOdyssey typically because they were saved after being injured or abandoned. All are attended to by a loving staff who communicate that love to the legions of young people wide-eyed at the chance to see Mother Nature up close.

CuriOdyssey exists in a community dedicated to science and the environment. Linda's credibility is so highly respected that she was able to rescue CuriOdyssey from a near-death experience. In 2006 the museum fell on hard times and was in danger of closing. Linda and

a small team secured \$600,000 in six weeks and a matching contribution that rescued the museum.

In more recent years, Linda and her co-chair raised \$27 million for an inspiring building that will be a landmark on the San Francisco Peninsula. All of this passion arises from her 20+ hours of volunteer work performed at CuriOdyssey since 1981. Linda has more roles than simply that of fundraiser, because CuriOdyssey also provides science education to hundreds of students, annually, and offers summer camps and special events to educate the public. Linda is an important influence on the offerings of this amazing facility.

Linda Lanier didn't start at CuriOdyssey. She was President of the Junior League of San Francisco in 1984/5 and did community volunteer work from 1974 to 1985. She is President of the Atkinson Foundation which invests \$1 million a year into thriving nonprofits in San Mateo County. As you can see, she has an eagle eye for philanthropic opportunities.

Linda has done all of this and also been a remarkable wife, mother and grandmother. Her husband is Sterling Sidney Lanier IV, and they have two married children, both of whom live in Menlo Park. They are Leslie Lanier Trigg, [Mike] and sons Cole and Chase, as well as Sterling Sidney Lanier V, [Jessica] and their son Dylan and daughter Bailey. I suspect

that all have donated a fair number of hours to CuriOdyssey as volunteers.

Madam Speaker and members, I regularly took my small children to CuriOdyssey and remember the wonder they experienced when they saw the beehive, ran along the hallways towards an exhibit or just listened to the sound of airplanes landing at the nearby airport. Sparking wonder in the mind of a child is sparking our nation's future. CuriOdyssey has had many staff, board members and other volunteers over the decades, but I think it's fair to say that it is also a house that Linda built. She would say otherwise, and you can't blame her for her modesty. After all, some may wonder, what about the role of the gray fox or the raccoon or the blue-tongued skink? Doesn't their charm also count in the success of this science center? Particularly that skink. After all, how much cuter does it get than a reptile with a blue tongue?

Indeed, it all counts, but the key point is that Linda Lanier counts as a visionary, a fundraiser, and a mother to all bright minds within her gaze. Linda's house is a house of joyful squeals, gasps of amazement, and the occasional squeak of a creature no doubt responding, "Thanks for coming little human. Be well, my friend."

So now from us all in the House of Representatives, let us rise and say, farewell Linda. I thank Linda for her leadership and vision. Be well, our friend.