

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 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 219: S. 327 Wounded Veterans Recreation Act—ON THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL—YEA; Roll Call 220: S. 3147 Improving Safety and Security for Veterans Act of—ON THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL—YEA; and Roll Call 221: H.R. 4611 Ocean Pollution Reduction Act—ON THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL—YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ROGER LEE WILSON OF
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Roger Lee Wilson of Salisbury, North Carolina, who passed away on October 18, 2020.

Roger was a husband to Kate and a father to Matt and Wesley. As a member of Unity Presbyterian Church, he faithfully served as an Elder.

Throughout his life, Roger was a devoted and dedicated educator, mentoring and inspiring countless students at Davie County High School and West Rowan High School. Roger passed on his passion for woodworking and craftsmanship to his students. I just missed having Roger as my workshop instructor at Davie High, but was lucky enough to have his successor, his son Matt, as my teacher.

Madam Speaker, I have had the privilege of representing Rowan County as well as my home county of Davie since 2017. I know firsthand how much appreciation there is for the knowledge and skills that Mr. Wilson passed on to his students. Though he had been retired from teaching for quite some time, I imagine he was encouraged to know that schools have begun to again prioritize teaching the technical, trade, and hands-on skills that seem to have been forgotten over the past few decades.

Madam Speaker, our country needs more dedicated men serving and educating their communities like Roger Wilson. The benefits he brought to students and to his community will be felt for generations to come.

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HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on November 17, 2020 for H.R. 4611, the Ocean Pollution Reduction Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 221.

HONORING COLE S. CAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole S. Caylor. Cole is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cole S. Caylor for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
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GHABOUR

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a son of Massachusetts, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Marwan Sameh Ghabour. He and four other brave American soldiers tragically lost their lives on Thursday, November 12 while on a peacekeeping mission in Egypt.

Mr. Ghabour will be remembered as a hero for his valiant service and commitment to protecting the freedoms and values that all Americans hold dear. This tragic loss serves as a reminder that when our troops bravely volunteer to serve, both they and their loved ones sacrifice more than we can ever imagine. My heart goes out to Mr. Ghabour's family and friends during this difficult time.

Nevertheless, his legacy is secured by the many people who carry his memory forward. In particular, the residents of Marlborough and Arlington, Massachusetts, where he grew up and volunteered, will remember his passion for public service.

I am grateful for patriots like Mr. Ghabour who risk everything to make the United States and the world a better place and are prepared to give the "last full measure of their devotion," as President Lincoln said. We are fortunate that such brave men and women are among us.

Marwan Sameh Ghabour and his fellow servicemembers will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF RENEE REYNOLDS

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Renee Reynolds, a Philadelphia difference-maker, before the United States House of Representatives. Ms. Reynolds is a fiercely vocal advocate for women who are battling to beat cancer and who are overcoming domestic violence committed against them.

As she so powerfully puts it, Ms. Reynolds is a domestic violence victor who, for four decades, has used her first-hand experience to fuel her efforts to empower women seeking to change their own difficult and trying situations.

In addition to hosting the annual Pink Diamond Ball to honor the two sisters she lost to cancer and to honor cancer patients, survivors and those that fought the good fight, Ms. Reynolds has sought to expand her ability to spread her message and reach those who need help during the coronavirus pandemic. Among her efforts to do this, she became the Pennsylvania contestant in this year's national Ms. Woman competition, where her platform focused on her advocacy.

Through social media, public speaking, events, partnerships and seemingly more outreach than should be humanly possible, Ms. Reynolds has committed herself to helping people and providing a first-person tale of redemption that highlights her rise from domestic-violence victim to entertainer, business professional and an advocate for women who need a helping hand and inspiration.

Renee Reynolds embodies a commitment to public good. Her efforts are a model for the upwelling of selflessness and giving that has kept America going through these difficult times. She embodies the spirit of Philadelphia.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation to Renee Reynolds for her extraordinary work on behalf of our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE "FATHER OF THE FINAL
FOUR" TOM JERNSTEDT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Walter Jernstedt, a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) legend and tireless advocate for men and women student athletes across the country. Tom was known for many things in his career and life, including being referred to as the "Father of the Final Four." I join Tom's family, friends, colleagues and athletes across the country in mourning the loss of this great man who passed away on September 5, 2020.

Tom was born on November 24, 1944, in Carlton, Oregon. Tom attended Yamhill-Carlton High School, where he was an all-state athlete in three sports: football, basketball and baseball. On top of his incredible athletic ability, he was also elected student body