

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 22, 2007*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was granted a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 157 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 138)—“Aye”;  
Rollcall No. 158 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. R. 658)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 159 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 839)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 160 (On Agreeing to the Resolution on H. Res. 254)—“Nay”;

Rollcall No. 161 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 42, as amended)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 162 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 759)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 163 (On Approving the Journal)—“No”;

Rollcall No. 164 (On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 1227 by Mr. Hensarling of Texas) “Aye”;

Rollcall No. 165 (On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 1227 by Ms. Biggert of Illinois) “Aye”;

Rollcall No. 166 (On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 1227 by Mr. Al Green of Texas) “Nay”;

Rollcall No. 167 (On the Motion to Permit to Proceed in Order on This Day)—“Nay”;

Rollcall No. 168 (On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 1227 by Mr. Neugebauer of Texas) “Aye”;

Rollcall No. 169 (On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 1227 by Mr. Price of Georgia) “Aye”;

Rollcall No. 170 (On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 1227 by Mr. Al Green of Texas) “Nay”;

Rollcall No. 171 (On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1227 with Instructions)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 172 (On Passage of H.R. 1227)—“Nay”;

Rollcall No. 173 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 835, as amended)—“Nay”;

Rollcall No. 174 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 327, as amended)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 175 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 797)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 176 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R.1284)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 177 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1130)—“Aye”;

Rollcall No. 178 (On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 740)—“Aye”.

**IMPROVING COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR VETERANS IN CERTAIN CASES OF IMPAIRMENT OF VISION INVOLVING BOTH EYES**

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 21, 2007*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 797, to amend

A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for approximately fifteen years, Commander Bohn now serves as Chaplain for the VFW Pleasanton Post #6298. In the course of her service with the VFW, Commander Bohn has participated in numerous color guards for various community groups and organizations. She was also instrumental in leading drives to obtain phone cards and other essential items for our nation's troops. Her efforts not only won her Post an award, but more importantly, they improved the morale of our men and women in uniform deployed overseas. On March 17, 2007, Commander Bohn's Post presented her with a special award for her unquestioned patriotism and continued diligence to recognize and honor all veterans.

Commander Bohn has resided in Pleasanton for the past 20 years. Each year, Pleasanton hosts a Veterans Day Parade honoring those who have served and continue to serve our great nation. Commander Bohn is instrumental in the planning and implementation of this event, which honors the many sacrifices made by our fighting men and women. Through Commander Bohn's tireless efforts, the people of Pleasanton and the 11th Congressional district are assured that our veterans will not be forgotten.

Equally committed to public service and to her family, Commander Bohn is a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She is married to a retired Navy Commander, and together they have two children and four grandchildren.

Commander Bohn's dedication is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States and serves as an example to all. For that reason, I ask my Colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding citizen and leader.

**PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA FOR A CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST**

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 21, 2007*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 66, which authorizes the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was not a random act of mass murder but a systematic campaign of genocide carried out by the Nazis against the Jews. The world must never forget the more than six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. In total, the victims accounted for more than 60 percent of the pre-World War II Jewish population of Europe.

We must never forget the evil acts that happened during that era and continue the fight against racism, intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, discrimination and anti-Semitism in every form today.

More than 60 years later, the Holocaust is still a presence, and there are living memorials all over the world dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in one of history's darkest hour and to the continuing education to conquer prejudice, hatred, and injustice.

As we authorize the rotunda of the Capitol to be used on April 19, 2007 for a ceremony as part of the commemoration for the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, let us also be careful not to repeat history. We remember the atrocities that surround us today in the Darfur region of Sudan. It is right that we should gather at the rotunda to remember a period of such unspeakable horror that it will never be forgotten and which we must never again allow to happen.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 66 and authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to commemorate those who perished in the Holocaust.

**VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2007**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 21, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 1284, a bill that will increase the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and also increase the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and as the son and grandson of American veterans, I fully support the implementation of this bill. Passing H.R. 1284 is a matter of fairness to our veterans. These brave men and women sacrificed the best years of their lives in service to our nation, and they deserve all the resources they were promised and have earned.

As the cost of living increases each year, so should the funds set aside for our nation's wounded warriors. It is unreasonable to ask our veterans to pay out of pocket for the services that they were promised, but that is unfortunately what happens when day-to-day living costs exceed veterans' disability compensation. For many veterans living on fixed incomes, they need the annual cost of living adjustment. Congress has an obligation to pass a cost of living adjustment measure to ensure that these veterans can continue their current standards of living and cover the costs of their basic needs.

H.R. 1284 also makes certain that the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of disabled veterans keep pace with annual inflation. The spouses and children of veterans often suffer silently on the sidelines as their loved ones struggle with combat-related disabilities. We owe it to veterans' strongest support network—the families of veterans—to meet their needs when addressing a cost of living adjustment.

I believe that Members on both sides of the aisle can and should rally behind this bill, as well as H.R. 327, the Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act, and H.R. 797, a bill to improve vision compensation benefits for veterans.

I urge the speedy passage of all three of these bills on behalf of Ohio 18's 66,000 veterans and all of America's veterans,