

Congress considers legislation. This is a reasonable and responsible request that I respect." He went on to say that "My position on this issue has been clear—I support the current policy and I will oppose any amendment to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.' I hope my colleagues will avoid jumping the gun and wait for DOD to complete its work on this issue." I consider it an insult to our military leaders and service members for Congress to legislate change before the military's comprehensive study is complete.

Unfortunately, last night, during floor consideration, the House voted to attach an amendment to National Defense Authorization Act repealing the military's current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

I voted against this amendment and I can no longer support the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Act if the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is included in the final bill. For the first time in my 20 years in Congress, I will be voting against the House approved version of the National Defense Authorization Act.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 13, 2010, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall vote No. 268 on the Halvorson of Illinois Amendment No. 38 to H.R. 5116, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

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HONORING ELIZABETH A. "BETSY" MOLER

### HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Moler and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement. Betsy has been a preeminent voice on energy policy throughout her career and her knowledge, thoughtfulness, and kindness will be sorely missed.

Betsy began her career of public service in the office of Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska where she started out as a staff assistant. She went on to serve on the staff of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as Counsel for both Chairman Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson of Washington and Chairman J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana. During her time on the Committee, she was the principal staff member responsible for all natural gas issues and helped craft the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. While on the Committee, Betsy became a resource not only to the Chairmen, but also to the other members of the Committee.

In 1988, at the urging of all nineteen members of the Committee, President Ronald W. Reagan nominated her to serve as a Commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC. She was reappointed to the Commission by Presidents George H.W. Bush and William Jefferson Clinton. President

Clinton designated her to serve as the Commission's Chair in 1993. Betsy is the longest serving member of FERC and the only member appointed by three different Presidents. During her tenure as Chair of FERC, Moler led the effort that resulted in the successful restructuring of both the interstate natural gas industry under Order No. 636 and the wholesale electricity industry under Order Nos. 888 and 889. These latter landmark orders required utilities to open their transmission lines on an equal access basis to their competitors, which ushered in a new era of robust competition in wholesale electricity markets. This achievement is perhaps Betsy's greatest professional legacy.

President Clinton again turned to Betsy to serve, this time nominating her to be Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, DOE. While at DOE, she was the principal architect of the Clinton Administration's Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act, which was presented to the Congress in June 1998.

In 2000, Betsy joined Exelon Corporation, formerly Unicom, to head the Washington, DC office where she served as Executive Vice President, Government & Environmental Affairs and Public Policy. In this last position, Betsy remained a vital resource to those concerned about energy policy, testifying before Congress and FERC on numerous occasions. Most importantly, Betsy remained available to share her wise counsel with those seeking to improve our nation's energy and environmental laws. We thank her for her service and many contributions.

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#### RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR OLEH SHAMSHUR

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of the United States, please let me express appreciation to Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States, his Excellency Oleh Shamshur.

Since his appointment in December of 2005, he has worked tirelessly to strengthen ties between our two countries. As a co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with the Ambassador.

Ambassador Shamshur was integral in the re-establishment of normal trade relations between our countries and the signing of the Trade and Investment Cooperation Agreement. With his help the United States and Ukraine signed an Agreement on Strategic Cooperation in December 2008, which has fostered democratic growth, transparency, and freedom in Ukraine. In addition, it has established goals to cooperate on concrete issues such as military, energy, and scientific cooperation. During the Ambassador's tenure great steps were taken to strengthen Ukraine's energy security and ensure its progress towards European integration.

Ambassador Shamshur worked with the Ukrainian-American community to ensure that the victims of the 1932-33 famine-genocide were given the honor they deserve. He understands that history demands truth. Properly securing a nation's past positions it forward to

the future—an important undertaking often undervalued by diplomats and leaders. In addition, he has taken steps to grow Ukrainian-American exchange programs in order to promote democratic values and strengthen the bond between our two nations.

We wish him, his wife Tetiana, and his daughter Tetiana all the best as their journey continues. I know Dr. Shamshur will continue to help Ukraine achieve the democratic freedoms she has fought for since achieving her independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. He is a wonderful representative of Ukraine and her people, a good friend, and a true statesman. Thank you, Ambassador Shamshur, for your service.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. PASCARELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday I missed the first four rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I was detained in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 306, on Agreeing to the Resolution—H Con. Res. 282—Providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 307, on Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 1404—Providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 308 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1161—Honoring the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette University, the first Catholic university in the world to offer co-education as part of its regular undergraduate program.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 309, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1372—Honoring the University of Georgia Graduate School on the occasion of its centennial.

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AADITH MOORTHY OF PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA WINS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Aadith Moorthy, a 13-year-old eighth grader from Palm Harbor Middle School, which I have the privilege to represent, won the National Geographic Bee in our Nation's capital this week.

This is quite an accomplishment for this Pinellas County teenager, as this is one of our Nation's most difficult academic competitions. It took hours of studying and preparation time. Aadith says one of his keys to success was his writing down 20 facts at a time and memorizing them. As he got closer to the national competition, he upped his daily routine to writing and memorizing 50 facts a day.