

Pass, Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety Protection Act of, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 617 on H. Res. 1402, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors, and expressing support for designation of February 16, 2011, as "Citizen Diplomacy Day", I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 618 on H. Res. 1704, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 619 on H.J. Res. 1755, On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 620 on H.R. 4501, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 621 on H. Res. 1746, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Recognizing and supporting the efforts of Welcome Back Veterans to augment the services provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans' Affairs in providing timely and world-class care for veterans and members of the Armed Forces suffering from PTSD and related psychiatric disorders, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 622 on H.R. 3082 House Amendment, On Motion to Concur and Amend to H.R. 3082, Continuing Appropriations/Food Safety Act, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 623 on H. Res. 1756, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 5281) to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 624 on S. 3998, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 625 on H.R. 5281, On Motion to Concur in Senate Amend-

ments #1 and #2, and in #3 With Amendment, To amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

HONORING RONALD G. YELENIK

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald G. Yelenik, Assistant General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Mr. Yelenik is retiring after 35 years of distinguished service at the CPSC.

Mr. Yelenik began his career at the CPSC in 1975. Prior to joining the CPSC staff, he was a Law Professor at Antioch School of Law, a Director of East New York Legal Services, a staff attorney at Brownsville Legal Services, and a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica.

Mr. Yelenik has held various legal positions at the CPSC, chiefly within the Office of Compliance and Field Operations, and most recently in the Division of Compliance within the Office of the General Counsel. He currently manages a staff of 12 attorneys, providing leadership in devising legal strategies to ensure that manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers of dangerously defective and hazardous products are held responsible for harm caused to consumers. Over the years, he has been an excellent mentor to staff attorneys and legal interns.

Over the course of his long and distinguished Federal career, Mr. Yelenik helped negotiate numerous major product recalls with such firms as Wal-Mart, Cosco, and Fisher-Price. The Fisher-Price recall involved ten million battery-powered Power Wheel ride-on cars that presented a fire hazard to children. This toy recall was one of the largest and most expensive recalls in CPSC's history.

Mr. Yelenik has also served as lead counsel in some of the largest monetary civil penalty cases in the CPSC's history for reporting violations under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act. The cases include a \$4 million civil penalty against the McDonald's Corporation in 1999; a \$1.75 million penalty against Dorel USA (Cosco/Safety 1st) in 2001; and a \$1.1 million penalty against Fisher-Price in 2001. In 2009, he negotiated a \$2.3 million civil penalty against Mattel for multiple violations of the lead paint ban in children's products. The Mattel violations were one of the catalysts that led to the passage of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

During his tenure at CPSC, Mr. Yelenik has played a major role in protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury posed by consumer products. He has demonstrated inspiring leadership and has been a valued employee at the CPSC.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to thank Ronald G. Yelenik for his honorable service to

our Nation and I wish him a rewarding retirement.

HONORING JILL K. DUFFY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jill Duffy for her 8 years of distinguished public service on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

Born in Los Angeles, Ms. Duffy moved to Humboldt County at a young age. She completed her education at Humboldt State University, where she studied Environmental Engineering. After serving for 15 years as an Environmental Compliance Analyst for the City of Arcata and 4 years on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board, she was elected to represent Humboldt County's 5th Supervisorial District in 2002.

Throughout her two terms, Jill has been a capable and enthusiastic voice for the citizens of Humboldt County. She has provided competent leadership on a variety of issues, including protection of our rich natural resources. She was appointed by the governor to sit on the Statewide Watershed Monitoring Advisory Committee and was the county representative for Klamath River dam removal negotiations. She was also a stalwart advocate for securing county access to water rights on the Trinity River.

Jill has been active on numerous committees and boards, including the California State Association of Counties Working Group for Compact Negotiations for Indian Gaming, Northwest California Resource Conservation & Development Council, California Water Environment Association, North Coast Pollution Prevention Committee, Humboldt Bay Shellfish Technical Advisory Committee, McKinleyville General Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee, Redwood National Park Association, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, Humboldt County Code Enforcement Task Force Sub-Committee, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Arcata-Eureka Airport Terminal Building Decoration and Advertising Committee, and the Humboldt Transit Authority.

Whether through her efforts to safeguard our region's unique environmental assets or champion the rights of towns to participate in the county planning process, Ms. Duffy has been a proven relationship builder and diligent representative.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time to acknowledge and thank Jill Duffy for her 8 years of commendable leadership and unwavering commitment to the citizens of Humboldt County.

HONORING JOHN TROUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Trout. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy