COMMENDING CHAIRMAN DAVE OBEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Chairman Dave ObeY on a remarkable career and to congratulate him on his retirement from the U.S. Congress.

Chairman ObeY has honorably served the citizens of Wisconsin’s 7th district since 1969. When Chairman ObeY began his service in the Congress—succeeding Mel Laird, who was appointed Secretary of Defense—he was the youngest Member of Congress in the United States. He has an impressive record of legislative accomplishments. He is now the longest-serving member of either House of Congress in Wisconsin’s history.

His commitment to the integrity of the House has taught me a great deal about the legislative process. His respect for the minority, interest in listening to all voices and his common-sense leadership have been critical in ensuring civil debate and productive solutions to extremely difficult problems.

Chairman Dave ObeY is the only Democratic Member of the House to have served on the three major economic committees in the Congress: the Budget Committee, the Joint Economic Committee and the Committee on Appropriation.

Chairman ObeY has been a mentor and a friend and I will miss his leadership in the U.S. House. I thank him for his service to the 7th district of Wisconsin, the country and the world, and wish him the very best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL W. HOIDES
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOIDES. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes from Friday, December 17 through Wednesday, December 22, 2010. I would have voted “yes” on the following votes:

- H.J. Res. 105—Making Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (Representative OBRA—Appropriations) (Voice vote)
- S. Res. 1377—Honoring the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta (Representative HONDA—House Administration)
- Senate Amendment to H.R. 1107—To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts” (Representative CONEY—Judiciary)
- Senate Amendment to H.R. 628—To establish a pilot program in certain United States districts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges (Representative ISSA—Judiciary)
- H. Res. 1733—Recognizing Mark Twain as one of America’s most famous literary icons on the 175th anniversary of his birth and the 100th anniversary of his death (Representative SNYDER—Oversight and Government Reform)
- H. Res. 1821—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the historic founding of Catholic Charities USA (Representative HOLT—Oversight and Government Reform)
- H. Res. 1767—Commending the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding season and 2011 Rose Bowl bid (Representative BALDWIN—Education and Labor)
- H. Con. Res. 335—Honoring the exceptional achievements of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and recognizing the monumental contributions he has made to United States national security, human rights cases, and peaceful resolutions of international conflict (Representative LOWEY—Foreign Affairs)
- S. 3874—Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act (Senator BOXER—Energy and Commerce)
- H. R. 6533—To implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service (Representative DOYLE—Energy and Commerce)
- H. R. 1142—Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2009 (Representative CUELLAR—Oversight and Government Reform)
- H. R. 5510—Aiding Those Facing Foreclosure Act of 2010 (Representative KAPTUR—Financial Services)

TUESDAY:

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5116—America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (Representative GORDON—Science and Technology)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2142—Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act (Representative CUELLAR—Oversight and Government Reform)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2751—FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (Representatives WAXMAN/DINGELL—Energy and Commerce)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3082—Making Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (Representative OBRA—Appropriations)

S. 3592—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building” (Senator CHAMBLISS—Oversight and Government Reform)

S. Con. Res. 67—A concurrent resolution celebrating 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally (Senator Voinovich—Foreign Affairs)

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