

leave due to an appointment related to my recovery from surgery and unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

“Yes” on roll call vote No. 261 (on agreeing to the Edwards of Maryland Part A Substitute Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2262),

“Yes” on roll call vote No. 262 (on passage of H.R. 2262), and

“No” on roll call vote No. 263 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 274).

BRADFORD-O'KEEFE FUNERAL
HOMES

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. This milestone marks the continued commitment to service that the O'Keefe family has provided the citizens of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the past century and a half.

In 1865, Irish immigrant Edward “Ned” O'Keefe established his livery service in Ocean Springs. Ned O'Keefe's funeral business soon expanded to Biloxi and other Coast cities as its ownership and management was passed down to succeeding generations of O'Keefe family members. He would certainly be proud of the success and growth of his family business.

Today, with locations all along the Mississippi Gulf, the O'Keefe family compassionately serves their neighbors, friends, and family during life's most difficult times.

The O'Keefe family distinguishes itself outside the family business in a broad array of community involvement, public service, and philanthropy. This is evident by family patriarch, World War II fighter pilot “Ace,” State Legislator, and Biloxi Mayor Jeremiah “Jerry” O'Keefe's service to his state and country.

The O'Keefe family is also blessed with a dedicated and professional staff that combined has hundreds of years of experience. Like the family, they are committed to faithfully serving their community.

Once again, I would like to thank the O'Keefe Family for their 150 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

HONORING MR. & MRS. MICHAEL J.
BRADLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Bradley, two constituents born and raised in my district, who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2015.

Michael Bradley was born and raised in Philadelphia and is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School. His loving wife, Bernadette Ann Sherry, was also born and raised in Philadelphia and graduated from West Catholic High School. The Bradleys are an extremely

close knit Irish Catholic family, blessed with eight children and twenty-three grandchildren. Mr. & Mrs. Bradley taught their children that the best way out of poverty was through hard work and education. Fortunately, Michael and Bernadette were able to support all eight of their children as they attended college. Above all, the Bradleys always gave their children three major items to live by: “Faith, Family & Friends”.

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley are not only prosperous with love from their large family, but have also succeeded in the business realm. The M.J. Bradley Company was founded in 1973, and continues to be a well known contender in the construction industry, installing quality floor and wall products. The M.J. Bradley Co. continues to grow and thrive under the guidance of five of the Bradley's children.

I would like my colleagues to join me in honoring the significance of this occasion, as Mr. & Mrs. Bradley celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They are both model citizens of Philadelphia and will remain an inspiration to their family and community for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2015 ELLIS ISLAND
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2015 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

This prestigious honor is presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations—NECO, and pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as to those whose achievements and contributions to our Nation embody the American Dream. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor are awarded to U.S. citizens from diverse ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage and culture. Since the Medals' founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, including six American Presidents, United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders. The Medal is not about achieving material success, nor is it about the politics of immigration; it is about the people who have committed themselves to this nation, embraced the opportunities America has to offer, and most importantly, who have used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in our country and in the lives of its people.

Citizens of the United States hail from every nation known to man. It is the key to why America is the most innovative, progressive and forward thinking country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our fore bearers, ourselves and the next generation of Americans to celebrate their unique cultural identities while still championing the American way of life. In addition, by honoring these remarkable Americans, we honor all who share their origins and ac-

knowledge the contributions they have made to America.

I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my dear friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as to promote unity and a sense of common purpose in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO and in congratulating all of the 2015 recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

2015 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Shohreh Aghdashloo, Dr. Kamiar Alaei, Masoud “Mike” Altirs, Domingo T. Alvear, MD, FACS, FICS, Shireen Atabaki, MD, MPH, Christopher Atamian, Trisha A Bailey, Jay H. Baker, PhD., Patty Baker, Rear Admiral Paul Becker, U.S. Navy, Miri Ben-Ari, Mirghavamaddin Bozorgmir, Nicholas R. Caiazzo, Esq., Ted A. Chaglassian, MD, FACS, Dr. Allen Chan, D.C, Jo Ellen Chatham, PhD, Diane Cirincione-Jampolsky, PhD, Maj Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesi, Rocco B. Comisso, Edward T. Creagan, MD, Juan Carlos Cruz, Rajdeep K. Dhami, MD, Reverend Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., LCDR Joyce M. Elter, USN (Ret), Ahmass Fakahany, Sheriff Louis Falco III, Adm Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Meera Gandhi, Chad P. Gehani DDS, Richard L. Gelfond, Palmer C. Hamilton, Esq., Leslie Hanson, Master Chief Eric J. Heimbürger, Myron Z. Holubiak, Gerald G. Jampolsky, MD, Dr. Kyo “Paul” Jhin, Rahul M. Jindal, M.D., Ph.D, MBA, Mike O. Joulakian P.E, Pamela J. Joyner, Vahe Karapetian, Colonel James J. Keefe, Mariam Khosravani, Kevin D. Kim, Rev. Seung Hee Kim, Mr. Young Kil Kim, KV Kumar, Chief Cathy L. Lanier, William “Don” Larson, Dr. David Lizarraga, Luis G. Lobo, Howard Lutnick, Martha “Muffy” MacMillan, Hildegard Ercklentz Mahoney, John (Manoukarakis) Manos, RADM Larry Roy Marsh (Ret.), Major General Thomas J. Masiello, USAF, Lt General Wendy M. Masiello, DAD Brian F. McCauley FBI, Deric A. Milligan, Major Creighton A. Mullins, USAF, Harry Nadjarian, Chief Abdo Nahmod, Alyssa Navallo-Herman, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, James P. O'Neill, Catherine O'Reilly, Dr. Zulfiya Orynbayeva, Annoosheh M. Oskouian, Lieutenant General Raymond P. Palumbo, Congressman Ted Poe, Bernard J. Poussot, Robert L. Priddy, Mariano Rivera, Dr. Mostafa Ronaghi, Andrew Sabin, Mike M. Sarian, John Sculley, Gerard Senehi, Frank Shankwitz, Dr. Simon K. Simonian, Major General Linda L. Singh, S.Mona Sinha, Robert F. Spetzler, MD, Hao Jiang Tian, Jeremy Travis, Peter Unanue, Bob Unanue, George Uribe, Nikiforos Valaskantjis, Meredith Vieira, Wafeek Samuel Wahby, Ph.D, B.Th, Kenneth E. Warner, Esq., James N. Weinstein, DO, MS, Richard Roderick Willis, Rabbi Amiel Wohl, Ehsan Yarshater, PhD., Shirley Young, Theodore K. Zampetis, Francois Zayek. International Medal Recipients: Baroness Dr. Sandip Verma, Bert Sakmann MD, PhD.

International Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipients: Baroness Dr. Sandip Verna and Bert Sakmann MD, PhD.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL JOHNSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that during a two minute

vote series last night I inadvertently voted 'no' on Mr. KING's amendment (roll call vote 293) when I intended to vote 'yes.' I strongly believe that President Obama's executive order granting amnesty to those illegally in America is unconstitutional, and in no way should be implemented or funded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote #284 on House Amendment 333 to H.R. 2578. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING PEPSICO

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor PepsiCo, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Founded in 1965, PepsiCo has had its headquarters in Purchase, New York, since 1970.

As a Fortune 500 company, PepsiCo has not only transformed the food and beverage industry, it is a global leader in finding solutions for many of the serious challenges facing the international community. The company's philanthropic arm, the PepsiCo Foundation, supports programs that encourage healthy lifestyles, improve the availability of nutrition and clean water, and empower women. Most recently, the foundation announced that, through its collaborative efforts, more than four million people in Latin America now have access to safe, clean water.

PepsiCo has displayed a commitment to increasing opportunities for female leaders in its workforce. In 2011, the company launched the Pinnacle Group in the United States as a way of retaining the most talented female employees through career development, leadership training, and mentoring opportunities. In Asia, the Middle East and Africa (AMEA), PepsiCo has successfully increased female participation through gender equity awareness and inclusion of women in leadership roles. Today, more than a quarter of PepsiCo executives in the AMEA region are female and the company is led by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Indra Nooyi.

Since 2005, PepsiCo has donated more than \$600 million to agencies working in the environmental, educational, civic, arts and health and human services fields. It also provided more than \$1.4 million for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring PepsiCo on its fiftieth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING SNAP ON ITS 27TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SNAP (Survivors of Those Abused by Priests) on the occasion of their 27th Anniversary, which they will celebrate at their annual conference here in Washington D.C., July 31–Aug 2.

Founded in 1988 by my fellow Chicagoan, Barbara Blaine, SNAP is a self-help support group for those who were sexually violated—whether by clergy, family members, trusted adults, or strangers. Barbara is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse by a member of the clergy. SNAP has become a voice for childhood sexual abuse prevention, awareness and healing in our community. Today, SNAP is an international organization with members in all 50 states and in 71 countries, with over 70 chapters organized throughout the United States and across the world.

Research conducted by the Centers for Disease Control estimates that one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. Only one in 10 children ever tells anyone.

The median age when a victim discloses childhood sexual abuse is 40. One of the most important public policy developments in this country has been the effort to reform the statutes of limitations laws in states.

SNAP is working to bring a voice and justice to victims and survivors by working to reform a legal system that has imposed inadequately short civil statutes of limitations. Those arbitrary deadlines prevent most victims from ever getting through the courthouse doors to present their evidence and make their case.

Typically, victims of child sexual abuse have only five years after they've turned 18 to pursue civil legal remedies for the justice they seek. That means that after age 23, survivors of childhood sexual abuse are prohibited from seeking legal recourse against their abusers, and it can mean that child sexual predators are allowed to live freely among us.

In 2013, I am proud to report, the state of Illinois enacted legislation to remove criminal and civil statute of limitations for sex offenses that occurred when the victim was under 18 years of age. The new law removes the statute of limitations for child sex abuse that occurs on or after January 1, 2014.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge SNAP and all their volunteer leaders, who give so much of themselves to help others. Protecting children and preventing sexual abuse of children is a worthy effort we all can support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 295 on H.R. 2578, I mistakenly recorded my vote as yes when I should have voted no.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, on June 3, 2015 I was absent for recorded votes #274 through #295 due to the passing of my mother.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here:

On Roll Call #274 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #275 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #276 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #277 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #278 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #279 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #280 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #281 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #282 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #283 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #284 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #285 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #286 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #287 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #288 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #289 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #290 I would have voted Yes.
 On Roll Call #291 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #292 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #293 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #294 I would have voted No.
 On Roll Call #295 I would have voted No.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRIAN WHISTON'S SELECTION AS MICHIGAN'S STATE SUPERINTENDENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Whiston on his nomination for Michigan's State Superintendent. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mr. Whiston for his prioritization of the success of our students and guiding them on the right path to higher education and into the workforce.

For the past 8 years, Mr. Whiston has served as the Superintendent for Dearborn Public Schools in Dearborn, Michigan, where he selflessly advocated for the betterment of his students and staff through innovative programs and policies. Mr. Whiston implemented a co-teaching model which blends general and special educators to cater to the specific needs of ESL students who comprise a vast majority of the student population. Breaking down the barriers of the typical high school classroom scenario, Mr. Whiston created initiatives for students to explore career interests and acclimate themselves to the college experience. Advanced placement programs, Dual Enrollment at local universities, a S.T.E.M. based magnet program, and a vocational program for culinary arts and hospitality have created a wide array of avenues for students to venture into higher education. This innovative approach led to increased test scores and graduation rates in the district and was certainly of note as Mr. Whiston was named Michigan's Superintendent of the Year in 2014.