

children she helped, in the working families she empowered, and in the activists she inspired.

Sadly, in 2014, Patty lost her beloved husband, Sandy, who proudly supported her efforts over the years. I hope it is a comfort to their children Toby, Tara and Kelsey, and their four grandchildren, that so many are thinking of them during this difficult time. We are grateful to them for sharing such a magnificent and dearly beloved woman with us. Her beautiful spirit lives on in the battles she won, the policies she changed, and the countless lives she continues to impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 2 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 579). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 3 regarding "Providing for consideration of H.R. 3762" (H. Res. 579). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 4 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 580). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 5 regarding "Providing for consideration of H.R. 712" (H. Res. 580). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 6 regarding "Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015" (H.R. 3762). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

KASEY HODGE EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kasey Hodge from Katy, Texas for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor in Boy Scouts.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which takes years of dedicated effort. Community service and leadership—the most important aspects of scouting—are values every Scout brings wherever life leads them. Kasey's project involved building a community bench in a local dog park. Kasey's dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in college and his future career. The leadership skills Kasey has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on becoming an Eagle Scout. I have no doubt Kasey has a bright future ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast roll call votes on a few days in the First Session of the 114th Congress. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 116; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 179; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 180; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 181; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 182; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 183; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 184; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 185; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 186; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 187; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 188; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 189; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 190; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 191; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 192; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 193; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 194; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 195; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 196; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 197; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 198; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 199; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 200; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 201; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 202; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 203; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 204; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 205; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 206; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 207; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 208; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 209; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 210; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 211; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 212; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 213; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 214; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 215; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 261; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 264; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 265; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 266; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 267; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 500; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 674; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 675; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 677; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 678; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 679 and I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 680.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,918,380,217,573.17. We've added \$8,291,503,168,660.09 to our debt in 7

years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: No on Roll Call Number 47 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 98 (Cummings Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 9 (Lynch Amendment); No on on Roll Call Number 10 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 11 (Democrat Motion to Recommit); Yes on Roll Call Number 12 (Passage of H.R. 712); No on Roll Call Number 13 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 14 (Cummings Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 15 (Cicilline Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 16 (DeBene Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 17 (Cicilline Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 18 (Pocan Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 19 (Democrat Motion to Recommit); Yes on Roll Call Number 20 (Passage of H.R. 1155); Yes on Roll Call Number 21 (Previous Question); and Yes on Roll Call Number 22 (Adoption of H. Res. 581).

RECOGNIZING COACH FRANK BEAMER

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Frank Beamer on the occasion of his retirement as the head football coach of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), located in Blacksburg, Virginia, as he concludes his highly successful career. For almost three decades, Coach Beamer has been a tremendous leader in Virginia, and a mentor to hundreds of student athletes.

In twenty nine seasons under Coach Beamer's leadership, Virginia Tech Football has enjoyed unprecedented success, notching 237 wins, three Big East championships, four Atlantic Coast Conference championships, and the opportunity to play for a national championship. His "Beamer Ball" style of play has led Virginia Tech to become one of the nation's most respected college football programs. In 1999, Coach Beamer was named the consensus Associated Press College Football Coach of the Year.

Coach Beamer's first postseason berth as head coach at Virginia Tech was a trip to the 1993 Independence Bowl game which resulted in a victory for the Hokies. It was only fitting that Coach Beamer ended his coaching career with a 55-52 victory over the University of Tulsa in the 2015 Independence Bowl, capping off a school record 23 straight postseason bowl games.

Raised in Hillsville, Virginia, Coach Beamer graduated from Hillsville High School where