

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes this past week. Had I been present on May 17 through 19, 2016, I would have voted 'aye' for roll calls 198, 203, 204, 210, 212, 213, 215, 221, 223, 226 and 228 and 'nay' on roll calls 196, 197, 199, 200, 201, 202, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 222, 224, 225, and 227.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, May 23, 2016, I was not present for roll call vote numbers 229 and 230 due to a family obligation. If I had been in attendance, I would have voted yes on the Kelsey Smith Act, roll call vote 229. On the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, roll call vote 230, I also would have voted yes.

HAILEY INNES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hailey Innes for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Hailey Innes is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hailey Innes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Hailey Innes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING RAY AND
KAYSE PAUL ON THEIR 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of joy that I rise today to congratulate Ray and Kayse Paul, two esteemed citizens of Farmers Branch, Texas, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ray and Kayse met while at Jerry's restaurant in Louisville, Kentucky. This fateful encounter grew into a blossoming relationship and the two were married on June 11, 1966, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Louisville.

Early in their marriage, Ray worked as an accountant, and Kayse as an administrative assistant and bookkeeper. They have lived in several states throughout the country, including Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Texas. The two currently reside in Farmers Branch, where Ray still works part-time as an accountant and Kayse serves as a grant administrator for a non-profit in Dallas.

Their half-century of marriage has provided a lifetime of memories and a beautiful family. During their time together, Ray and Kayse have had one son, David, who has given them two grandchildren, Alexander and Elizabeth.

As Ray and Kayse's journey together continues to unfold, may their commitment and devotion to one another continue to serve as an example of how true love and dedication may enrich our lives through the blessings of family and companionship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing this truly noteworthy milestone, the 50 year wedding anniversary of Ray and Kayse Paul.

IN RECOGNITION OF RIVERGATE
TERRACE FOR SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rivergate Terrace on their 45th anniversary and celebrating the milestone of having served twenty five thousand residents. The accomplishment of this long-standing senior care facility exemplifies the importance and strength of healthcare partnerships in our communities.

Founded in 1971, Rivergate Terrace and the Rivergate Health Center has become a pillar of service and support in the Riverview community. It has grown throughout the years, and today the combined facility houses over five hundred beds and is the largest employer in the city of Riverview. Rivergate has a strong track record of giving back to the wider community. The Rivergate staff provides educational programming throughout the community on a wide array of health care topics, volunteer at local churches, community centers, and hospitals, and host the annual Downriver Arthritis Walk which attracts hundreds of walkers and raises critical resources for Arthritis research each year. Serving the community is at the heart of what Rivergate does, both on the clock, and off the clock.

Since its founding, Rivergate has held itself to the highest standards of excellence to ensure that our community continues to have a high quality skilled care facility to turn to. They offer twenty four hour a day, seven day a week, three hundred and sixty five day a year high quality individualized services and programming. The services offered at Rivergate run the spectrum of challenges that our seniors face today, with the goal of getting residents the care they need to lead the fullest and most productive lives imaginable. The

Rivergate team takes pride in the fact that over two hundred and fifty patients return home after rehabilitation services each year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Rivergate Terrace and the Rivergate Health Center on serving twenty five thousand people on their 45th Anniversary. We wish them many years of continued success and service in our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRIDESBURG
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club which opened its doors in 1941. Originally built as a Boys Club by Otto Haas and the neighboring Rohm and Haas Plant as a place where boys could socialize, it included a game room, a wood shop, a leather crafts shop, a boxing room and a gymnasium. Sports were the main activity. There was a baseball field adjacent to the building and an iron fence surrounded the property. Girls were not permitted.

Girls were invited to become members in the mid 70's and the name was changed to Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club. The club has become one of the best youth service agencies in Philadelphia. In the late 70's a capital campaign for funds resulted in a new, larger gymnasium being built. Rohm & Haas deeded the property to the Boys & Girls Club in 1984. Gone is the baseball field, replaced in the mid 80's by a regulation size outdoor hockey rink and parking lot. In 1997 the vegetable garden was tended for the last time and the Lil' Clubhouse was built adjacent to the existing facility. During the summer of 1998, in a combined effort with KABOOM and Nike—and a lot of help from the employees of Rohm and Haas and Sunoco—a preschool playground was built in two days. The summer of 1999 had the club building again—this time it was a skate park, complete with eleven ramps for skateboards, bikes and rollerblades. Riverside Skate Park opened in September, 1999, closing in the spring of 2002. This would not have been possible if Rohm and Haas had not leased the ground, formerly an employee parking lot, to the Boys & Girls Club.

Many changes have taken place at the Club over the years, the most recent with Samsung and HDTV performing a complete makeover in the original wood shop, a/k/a art room, teen lounge and conference room, turning it into an exciting teen center, complete with new windows, furniture, tablets and a flat screen. Thanks to Comcast Cares, the art room was moved into a newly renovated space on the ground level, the teen center was freshly painted and the lavatory facilities have been expanded and improved. The gym and hallway received a complete makeover and the Cymbala Literacy Center was remodeled, complete with new computers, furniture, windows and air conditioning.

The Club offers a wholesome environment in a friendly setting, enhancing the quality of life of the members by providing educational support, physical fitness programs, cultural

and recreational activities, vocational development and guidance. It instills a feeling of importance in the members while helping build character and leadership abilities.

After-school child care and preschool day care support the needs of working parents. Our preschool program is committed to promoting quality child care that contributes to increased social and emotional development, learning skills and school readiness. The Summer Career Exploration Program provides on-the-job experience to teenagers for a six week period. All teenagers are invited to apply for summer employment, beginning with the completion of job applications and being called in for an interview. The interview process itself teaches teens valuable life skills in obtaining employment, especially how to present oneself at an interview. It also provides self-esteem and self-awareness. Leadership abilities are enhanced when a youth is placed in a job, has a say in decision making and becomes responsible for their performance. A sense of pride is established when a teenager can say "I did a good job today." Adult participants act as mentors for the teens. The youth involved in this program attend workshops covering topics such as peer pressure, conflict resolution and substance abuse prevention, to name just a few.

Summer camp is a well-rounded, ten-week program offering each child opportunities that may not be afforded to them if they stayed home with a babysitter. Campers receive breakfast, lunch and a snack each day and all go on one trip a week to places like the FunPlex, The Academy of Natural Sciences, The Franklin Institute and the Brunswick Zone. The Club offers a computer program, arts and crafts, environmental education and other activities designed to instill creativeness and pride in our children. Anti-violence workshops teach the youngsters to respect themselves and others. Children are taught that they can make the world a better place by believing we are all members of the same race—the human race. They learn to protect the environment by recycling, to improve literacy by reading and to help others by performing club related community service.

The Club also has a scholarship program which provides small financial gifts to college bound members. Keystone and Torch encourages children to stay in school and guides them in career and vocational choices. The Club is also a worksite for the Juvenile Justice System and many youth perform court-ordered community service there.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club, an organization that has been proudly serving the youth of Philadelphia's neighboring communities for over 75 years, demonstrating in so many ways that they are an organization that truly lives up to their motto, Great Futures Start Here.

IAN DONALDSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ian Donaldson

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ian Donaldson is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ian Donaldson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ian Donaldson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken last Wednesday and Thursday, May 18–19, due to a family health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 200 (Passage of H. Res. 735): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 201 (Adoption of the Previous Question on H. Res. 736): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 202 (Passage of H. Res. 736): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 203 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1014 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 204 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1016 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JERROLD NADLER): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 205 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1019 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. TED POE): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 206 (Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 207 (Passage of H.R. 5243, the Zika Response Appropriations Act, 2016): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 208 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1029 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEN BUCK): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 209 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1030 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JOHN FLEMING): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 210 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1033 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. BARBARA LEE): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 211 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1034 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JARED POLIS): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 212 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1036 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEITH ELLISON): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 213 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1037 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEITH ELLISON): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 214 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1041 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. MARK SANFORD): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 215 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 4909): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 216 (Passage of H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 217 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1057 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 218 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1058 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 219 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1059 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 220 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1060 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 221 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1062 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 222 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1063 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. JOHN FLEMING): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 223 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1064 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. JARED HUFFMAN): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 224 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1075 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. PAUL GOSAR): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 225 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1076 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. SCOTT PERRY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 226 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1079 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 227 (Engrossment and Third Reading): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 228 (Passage of H.R. 4974, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017): YES.

IN HONOR OF GTI'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) on its 75th anniversary. Located in the heart of Illinois' 8th District, GTI is a large part of our community and a pillar of our country's energy sector.

Every day, GTI researchers develop protocols, processes, technologies, tools and training solutions which enhance our energy products worldwide. Starting with only a dozen staff and barely enough space to conduct a few experiments, GTI quickly grew. Utilizing their robust technical expertise, currently GTI holds over 1,300 patents; including more than 80 patents for fuel cells technology.

I have had the opportunity to visit GTI and see firsthand their state-of-the-art facilities and learn about their developments in advanced biofuels. For 75 years, GTI has provided innovative solutions to critical energy challenges and improved the way we produce, transport and use energy.

I applaud GTI's success and congratulate them on 75 remarkable years of innovation, leadership and expertise in our energy sector. Illinois is fortunate to be home to such a renowned institution.

IN HONOR OF MR. E. DALE WORTHAM

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleague the Honorable GENE