

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Chair, I was absent during roll call votes No. 416 through No. 425 due to my spouse's health situation in California. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on the Perry Amendment. I would have also voted "nay" on the Griffith Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Takano Amendment. I would have also voted "nay" on the King (IA) Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Castor Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Norcross Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Esty Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Garamendi Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Pingree Amendment. I would have also voted "yea" on the Jackson Lee Amendment.

CONGRATULATING DAVID DAUGHERTY ON HIS RETIREMENT AS GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Daugherty on his retirement as President of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and to thank him for his 14 years of serving northern Indiana Hoosiers.

As Chamber president, David was committed to fostering opportunities that advanced our growing workforce, supported existing businesses, attracted new ones, and united our community under a common vision for a brighter future. I am grateful for the outstanding leadership and insight David brought to the Chamber. In tackling important issues like redevelopment, our community saw David's keen ability to build valuable relationships among community members and strong partnerships with education and government leaders.

David's work at the Chamber was guided by the values of integrity, respect, collaboration, and the belief that thriving businesses build stronger communities. A forward thinker, David has consistently led efforts that aim to improve the quality of life for Hoosiers, their families, and our local businesses. In doing so he encouraged greater inclusion and empowerment through the Chamber's efforts to work "Together, Growing Goshen."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Indiana's 2nd District I want to thank David for all he has done to make Goshen a wonderful place to live and work. His impact on the community is sure to last far into the future, and I have no doubt the Chamber will continue to honor David's legacy by working to strengthen our business community and welcome growth and innovation.

IN HONOR OF CHERYL NIMMO

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

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Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Cheryl Nimmo, CRNA, DNP, MSHSA. Ms. Nimmo will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). It is an incredible honor that Ms. Nimmo was elected as the 2016–2017 president of this prestigious national organization.

As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) for nearly 38 years, Ms. Nimmo has contributed greatly to the healthcare community in Rhode Island and nationwide. Ms. Nimmo is currently assistant professor and assistant program director for the nurse anesthesia program at the University of New England, in Portland, Maine. Hospitals in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Missouri have all benefited from Ms. Nimmo's work as both staff and chief CRNA. In addition to serving as an airway skills and pediatric anesthesia instructor, locum tenens CRNA, and clinical preceptor, she has provided expertise in office-based orthopedics and coronary care.

Ms. Nimmo has also modeled lifelong commitment to her professional education and development. She was awarded her nursing diploma from Newport Hospital School of Nursing, in Newport, R.I.; her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Evangel University in Springfield, Mo.; her certificate in nurse anesthesia from St. John's School of Anesthesia at Missouri State University in Springfield; her Master's Degree in Health Service Administration from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I.; and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Northeastern University, in Boston.

During her AANA Presidency, Ms. Nimmo has been a prominent advocate for patients and for the practice of nurse anesthesia. In addition to her service as AANA President, Ms. Nimmo has long been an active member of her state and national professional associations. She has served in multiple capacities on various committees, boards of directors, and the AANA Foundation.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Nimmo today on a job well done. Her service to the AANA and her patients and her commitment to high quality healthcare nationwide are commendable, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her notable career and outstanding achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SERGEANT (SGT) TAUREAN TRAVANTI' HARRIS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Sergeant (SGT) Taurean Travanti' Harris who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on August 2, 2007, during Operation Enduring Freedom. SGT Harris died of wounds he received from an improvised explosive de-

vice in Kala Gush, Afghanistan. SGT Harris was assigned to the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA.

SGT Harris, a Liberty native, attended Amite County High School. He served as a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadet throughout high school. He graduated with honors in 2003. SGT Harris followed in the footsteps of his uncle, Frederick Wagner, and joined the U.S. Army.

SGT Harris' mother, Yolanda Wagner, said that her son was loved by all who knew him.

"Taurean truly was a beautiful person," Mrs. Wagner said. "He was the man every girl wanted to marry. Everybody loved him. He strived for excellence. He always wanted to better himself."

Mrs. Wagner said SGT Harris' memorial service, held at the Jerusalem Baptist Church, was unforgettable.

"I was so emotional," Mrs. Wagner said. "It was an honor to see so many people come out to honor him and support us. It was amazing."

According to the Associated Press, hundreds of family, friends, and military personnel came to the funeral. Mrs. Wagner says over 100 members of The Patriot Guard led the procession.

During the service, Brigadier General (BG) Jeffrey Foley commended SGT Harris for his positive attitude. "He was able to bring joy to whatever we would do," BG Foley said. "No matter what the task."

For his service, SGT Harris earned the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and a Good Conduct medal.

Mrs. Wagner says SGT Harris was honored for his service during a ceremony held on the tenth anniversary of his death. A portion of Highway 48, close to the Jerusalem Community where he grew up, was named in his honor by Mississippi Department of Transportation Commissioner Mike Tagert.

SGT Harris is survived by his daughter, Tiana Marie Harris; his daughter's mother, Joanie Poleder; his parents, Cecil Harris and Yolanda Wagner; his four brothers, Justin Davis, William Harris, Christian Harris, and Okoye Harris; and his sisters, Tara Cockerham and Bianca Sesson.

HONORING ROTAPLAST INTERNATIONAL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rotaplast International's 25th Anniversary of enabling children across the world with cleft lips and palates to receive life-changing surgery.

Founded in 1992 as part of the Rotary Club of San Francisco by its members Dr. Angelo Capozzi and Peter Lagarias, Rotaplast has since sponsored over 200 missions that have helped over 18,000 children worldwide. From the fast mission to La Serena in northern Chile, Rotaplast has been saving smiles and changing lives in 26 countries, including Chile, Columbia, Guatemala, Mexico, the Philippines, India, Ethiopia, and Tanzania.

Rotaplast is able to do this tremendous work because of the thousands of medical