

help address this crisis. Not only do we need to reject the Trump Administration's budget cuts which, according to the report, "would, if enacted, lead to the largest reduction in affordable housing and community development investments in decades" and result in the loss of rental assistance for 200,000 families. Instead, we should increase funding for Housing Choice Vouchers, the national Housing Trust Fund, public housing and project-based rental assistance.

And, of course, we need to replace the \$7.25 federal minimum wage with a living wage by passing H.R. 15, the Raise the Wage Act.

I want to congratulate the National Low-Income Housing Coalition for giving us such critical information about how the inadequacy of the federal minimum wage, coupled with the unaffordability of housing, is creating day-to-day crises for millions of Americans. We can solve those crises by investing in housing and providing workers with a better deal and better wages.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, from May 15, 2018 until May 22, 2018, I was absent from the House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

H.R. 613, Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of 2017 (Rep. MCKINLEY, R-WV)—YES.

H.R. 4854, Justice Served Act of 2018 (Rep. CARTER, R-TX)—YES.

H. Res. 285, Expressing the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve (Rep. TAYLOR, R-VA)—YES.

On Question of Consideration of the Resolution (the Rule for H.R. 5690, S. 2372, and H.R. 2)—NO.

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 891—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5698—Protect and Serve Act of 2018 and of the bill S. 2372—VA MISSION Act of 2018 and of the bill H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Adoption of H. Res. 891—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5698—Protect and Serve Act of 2018 and of the bill S. 2372—VA MISSION Act of 2018 and of the bill H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

S. 35, Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act (Sen. THUNE, R-SD)—YES.

H.R. 5698, Protect and Serve Act of 2018 (Rep. RUTHERFORD, R-FL)—YES.

S. 2372, VA MISSION Act of 2018 (Sen. ISAKSON, R-GA)—NO.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2—NO.

H. Res. 900, Rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Foxx (R-NC) Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

McClintock (R-CA) Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

McClintock (R-CA) Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Faso (R-NY) Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Biggs (R-AZ) Amendment No. 16 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Westerman (R-AR) Part C Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Young (R-AK) Part C Amendment No. 14 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Russell (R-OK) Amendment No. 17 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Massie (R-KY) Amendment No. 25 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Roskam (R-IL) Amendment No. 28 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—YES.

Banks (R-IN) Amendment No. 31 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Motion to Recommit H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—with Instructions—YES.

Final Passage of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

H.R. 4830, SIT-REP Act, as amended (Rep. BILIRAKIS, R-FL)—YES.

H.R. 4451, Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. WENSTRUP, R-OH)—YES.

H.R. 3832, Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act, as amended (Rep. DUNN, R-FL)—YES.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for further consideration of S. 2155, S. 204, and H.R. 5515—NO.

H. Res. 905, Rule providing for consideration of S. 2155—Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 204—Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act, and H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Amodei (R-NV) Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

McGovern (D-MA) Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

McKinley (R-WV) Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Tenney (R-NY) Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Engel (D-NY) Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

Polis (D-CO) Amendment No. 50 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 22 and Monday, June 25, 2018, I missed

the following votes due to needing to tend to a close family member in the hospital.

For Roll Call Vote 287, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

For Roll Call Vote 288, final passage of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 289, final passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 290, final passage of the Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018, I would have voted "yes."

A BEAUTIFUL MIND IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and in sorrow of the passing of a great Patriot and American Journalist Dr. Charles Krauthammer, with a poetic tribute by Albert Carey Caswell. Charles' inspirational life is a lesson to us all about CHARACTER, FAITH, COURAGE, HOPE, and GOING FOR IT. He was a genius armed with a brilliant mind, wit, and intellect. Composing works of art on paper and on the screen. Our prayers go out to him and his beloved wife Robin and son Daniel. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

A BEAUTIFUL MIND IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER A GREAT AMERICAN PATRIOT AND JOURNALIST AND A LIFE WELL LED

[By: Albert Carey Caswell]

A beautiful mind
So brilliant and fine
A life of mind over matter you will find,
With no mountain to high to climb
Of a life well led in his time
And when our life is over and done.
What have we left behind to all among
To so teach our young
Have we shined like the Sun?
Or left this world in regret at what we should
have done

With only a few verses in our lives to be sung
As we curse the brevity of life wishing for
more to come.

Will we seize the moment in what we have
done?
And live with no regrets when all is said and
done

And give the world a nudge
Yea, Charles was The Samson in Journalism
who gave our world a budge

If only they could remember what they've
forgotten what blessings would come
Yea, Charles you went deep in your life leav-
ing nothing on the field my son

Like a Mozart or Picasso,
an artist composing Master pieces with
thoughts and words of such a sum

With a beautiful mind and life which reads
like nobility in all he has done

Turning tragedy into triumph as from where
he had come
Turning opportunity into success as to it
he'd run

Working for a President had this one
Not afraid to question himself America's son
An American Patriot through and through
who loved his country to it heart he'd
run