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HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on November 30, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall vote 613.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 613, on passage of H.R. 6429, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes, I would have voted ''no.''

CONGRATULATING STUDIO 3 DESIGNS, ORLANDO BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 2012 OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS FINALIST

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Studio 3 Designs on being named one of Orlando Business Journal's 2012 Outstanding Small Business finalists. The award is intended to recognize small businesses which have shown significant community service and excellence in their field of work. Of 90 nominees, Studio 3 Designs was selected as one of three small businesses in the 1–25 employees category.

The Orlando Business Journal's selections for Outstanding Small Business are based on individual firms' revenue, job growth, and community service. Since 2010, Studio 3 Designs has grown its annual revenue 122% and its number of employees has increased by 40%. Studio 3 Designs is also active in the Central Florida community, volunteering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Orlando Historic Preservation Board, and donating design services to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida.

Studio 3 Design's work has been heralded on several occasions. Most recently, Studio 3 Design's Eola Eyes project in the Mills 50 District received Acoustical Interior Construction Magazine's Bronze Medal for Construction Excellence. The project had previously been recognized by the City of Orlando and Downtown Orlando Partnership.

On behalf of the people of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Studio 3 Design's achievements and hard work. They are most deserving of being named Outstanding Small Business by the Orlando Business Journal.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER RONALD MORRISON

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Ronald Morrison. Mr. Morrison has dedicated an incredible 50 years of his life to his community and, specifically, to the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department, located in Clermont County, Ohio.

Mr. Morrison began his tenure with the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department in 1962 as a firefighter and engineer. For 25 years he served as Assistant Fire Chief, followed by five years as Fire Chief.

Despite retiring from his job at the American Laundry Machine Company, Mr. Morrison has remained an active volunteer member of the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department, where he currently serves as a primary engineer.

Mr. Morrison's dedicated service to his community has undoubtedly made the Village of Felicity, Franklin Township, and Clermont County, Ohio a safer place to live, work, and play. He serves as a role model to his friends and neighbors and is undeniably deserving of the praise he receives. He is the epitome of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Mr. Ronald Morrison for his unwavering commitment to his community and to the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department.

HONORING GARDNER WRIGHT

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of honoring Gardner Wright, a community leader who has served Rome and Floyd County throughout his entire lifetime.

Gardner is affectionately known as the Grandfather of Floyd County, a name befitting the man whose great-great-grandfather, Colonel Daniel R. Mitchell, gave Rome its name.

Gardner served 23 years in the armed services, rising from a private in the U.S. Marine Reserves all the way to the rank of captain in the Army Reserves. He ultimately retired as a sergeant in the Army National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, Gardner exemplifies service and leadership in his community through his work for the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America, and countless local philanthropies.

I am proud to call him a fellow Georgian, but more importantly, a friend.

CONGRATULATING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Ohio State University football team on a perfect record during the 2012 season. The Buckeyes have now recorded six undefeated seasons in a 123-year history. The determination of this team to win, despite the fact that a postseason was not possible, is truly inspiring.

I would also like to commend Head Coach Urban Meyer on his success with the Buckeyes in his first season with the team. Coach Meyer has shown Ohio State fans that he means business and I look forward to many more perfect seasons under Coach Meyer's watch.

In Columbus, football is a tradition and we take it very seriously—the Buckeyes' perfect season proves that once again. The football team at Ohio State means so much to the people of Ohio and we are truly proud of their perfect season this year. Go Bucks!

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. TALMADGE ''TAL'' JOHNSON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a dear friend, Mr. Talmadge ''Tal'' Johnson. Mr. Johnson passed away at the age of 87 in Orlando, Florida on November 28, 2012.

Mr. Johnson was born in Bonny Blue, Virginia on February 5, 1925 to the late Ralph and Edrie Johnson. He was a man of great character who honorably served his country in the United States Navy. After his military service, he moved to the private sector where he dedicated 35 years of hard work to AT&T and also worked at Transglobal Communications as a courier for some time.

The numerous contributions that Mr. Johnson made to his community will not be forgotten. He was a charter member of First Baptist Church of Central Florida, previously known as First Baptist Church of Pine Hills, where he was a faithful and active member for 58 years.

He was a loving and dedicated father, son, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, my prayers and condolences go out to his loving wife of 65 years Anna, his daughter Ruth, sister Dorothy, his four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. May God bless them through this time of remembrance.