

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL W. HODES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, due to illness that required hospitalization, I missed the following votes. I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 567—S. 2403—A bill to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the “Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse”—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 568—S. 2837—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse”—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 569—S. 2135—Child Soldiers Accountability Act—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 570—H. Con. Res. 344—Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 571—H. Res. 937—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military servicemembers and their families—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 572—H. Res. 1069—Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 573—H. Res. 1307—Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan’s participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 574—H.R. 6168—Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 575—H.R. 6630—To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 576—H. Res. 1419—On Ordering the Previous Question Providing for consideration of H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 577—H. Res. 1419—On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 578—H.R. 1527, The Rural Veterans Access to Care Act—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 579—S. 2617, The Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 580—H.R. 3667, On Motion that the Committee Rise—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 581—Grijalva of Arizona Amendment to H.R. 3667—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 582—H.R. 3667—Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 583—H.R. 3667—On passage of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 584—H.R. 4081, The Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 589—H. Res. 1200, Honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 590—H. Con. Res. 390, Honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 591—H.R. 6889, To extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes—“yes.”

HONORING STEPHEN LEE DODSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Stephen Lee Dodson a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Stephen has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Stephen has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen Lee Dodson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RARE FOUNDATION

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the RARE Foundation in Troy, Michigan as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary on September 16, 2008. The foundation’s work for Michigan’s youth has changed lives and inspired future generations of leaders.

The RARE Foundation was founded in 1998 by Gilbert Cox, Jr. with the mission to inspire Michigan’s youth to see possibilities through the real-world examples of everyday heroes. RARE highlights the lives and life lessons of everyday people in the workplace who, through extraordinary commitment, integrity, selflessness, and courage, are changing lives and inspiring others. In addition, the foundation provides a forum for these extraordinary individuals to reach out to Michigan’s youth and teach, by example, their compelling lessons for life’s venture.

Throughout the years, the foundation’s programs have engaged young people in the process of discussion, discovery, and writing about everyday heroes in their communities to help them see possibilities and make the connection between fulfilling careers and mean-

ingful lives. They have done so by providing grants for teachers and mentoring programs to reinforce character education and strengthen the basic curriculum at a time of severe program, cutback and budget reductions in our schools. The foundation has also started an At-Risk Community Outreach program in collaboration with educational, business, community, and mentoring organizations designed to bring certainty of opportunity to urban youth.

At a time when material things have replaced character as the currency for measuring success, the RARE Foundation has stepped in to reinforce the idea strong morals and character are imperative to achievement. In fact, their programs have proven to be so successful that they should serve as a model to be followed by other communities.

Madam Speaker, the RARE Foundation continues to educate and enrich the lives of young people in Michigan. I wish to congratulate them and the many volunteers on their 10th Anniversary and hope for many years of prosperity.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KENNEDY POLITICAL UNION

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, 40 years ago today a tradition began at the American University in Washington, DC. That tradition, which I am proud to say I was and continue to be a part of, began when Theodore Sorensen became the first speaker at the Kennedy Political Union at American University. I rise today to honor and recognize this institution for both its excellence and longevity.

The Kennedy Political Union was founded to take advantage of American University’s Washington, DC location. Since its inception the Kennedy Political Union has been student-run, student-funded, and non-partisan in its commitment to connecting American University students with the most compelling speakers on a wide variety of issues.

Past speakers at the Kennedy Political Union have included Former Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, and Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell, among hundreds of others who have come to share their views and experiences with thousands of American University students.

As Director for the 1980–81 Kennedy Political Union Lecture Series, I hosted Israeli politician and diplomat Abba Eban; former Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Alger Hiss; U.S. Senators Howard Baker, Strom Thurmond and George McGovern, and others. The experience was a formative one for me, and I to this day have maintained my ties with the Kennedy Political Union and my alma mater.

With today, September 16, 2008 marking the 40th Anniversary of the Kennedy Political Union, I want to congratulate each of the Directors who have promoted the organization’s commitment to the expansion of political awareness and engagement. I want to thank the speakers who have made the organization what it is today, many of whom are former or current members of this body. And lastly I want to wish the Kennedy Political Union continued success now and in the future.