

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF BOB AND
CLEOLA RICHARDSON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2009

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the longstanding and happy marriage of two of my constituents, Bob Fred Calvin Richardson and Cleola Johnson Richardson. This August 20 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Cleola took their wedding vows at a garden ceremony at Mrs. Richardson's home in Meadville, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1949. They have since moved to Mt. Vernon, NY, where they owned and operated their business Richardson Electronics. They have been residents of Mt. Vernon for 45 years.

Bob and Cleola have four wonderful children, Paula, Marilyn, Robert and Candice, ten grandchildren, as well as two great grandchildren. I want to congratulate Bob and Cleola Richardson on their 60th anniversary and wish them the best of luck as they spend the rest of their lives together.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION
DAY

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 18th as National POW/MIA Recognition Day and to honor and remember the members of our armed forces who were prisoners of war and those who to this day remain missing in action.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our veterans, especially our POWs and MIAs for their service, and show them our respect and gratitude for the sacrifice that they and their families have made for our country.

President Kennedy once said "a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." We long remember our veterans and the lessons they teach us, and we recommit ourselves to never rest until every American who is believed to be imprisoned is freed, and every American who is missing is fully accounted for.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the family members of POWs and MIAs for weathering agonizing uncertainty during such a difficult time. We, and countless people around the world, are the beneficiaries of their courage and their vigilance. This solemn day of

recognition serves as an important reminder to always honor our duty to support those who serve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor during the week of Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present on Monday, September 14, 2009, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 696 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 697 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 698 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59).

Had I been present on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, I would have voted "Present" on rollcall vote No. 699 (On agreeing to H. Res. 744), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 700 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 317), "no" on rollcall vote No. 701 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 22), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 702 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3137)

Had I been present on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 703 (On agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 746), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 704 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 260), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 705 (On agreeing to the Hall (TX) amendment to H.R. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 706 (On agreeing to the Donnelly (IN) amendment to HR. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 707 (On agreeing to the Massa amendment to H.R. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 708 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3246), "no" on rollcall vote No. 709 (On passage of H.R. 3246)

Had I been present on Thursday, September 17, 2009, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 710 (On agreeing to the Hoekstra amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 711 (On agreeing to the McMorris Rodgers amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 712 (On agreeing to the Foxx amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 713 (On agreeing to the Himes amendment to H.R. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 714 (On agreeing to the Minnick amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 715 (On agreeing to the Schauer amendment to H.R. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 716 (On agreeing to the Teague amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 717 (On agreeing to the Guthrie amendment to HR. 3221, I would have

voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 718 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3221) because as an original cosponsor and a strong supporter of H.R. 3571, the Defund ACORN Act, I agree that it is absolutely necessary to prevent all Federal taxpayer dollars from going to ACORN, and "no" on rollcall vote No. 719 (On passage of H.R. 3221).

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE
UNITED STATES HARDWOODS IN-
DUSTRY

SPEECH OF

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. CHILDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to be a co-sponsor of House Resolution 81 and see this important measure brought to the floor for a vote. I represent Mississippi's First Congressional District—a district strong in forestry and farmland. This industry is dominated by small-based family owned businesses, like my longtime friend Jimmy Pharr's in Marietta, MS, which will benefit from the passage of this resolution. These small landowner/businesses often have fewer than fifty acres much of which may at one time have been crop or cattle farms. Many landowners have rededicated these lands solely to the production of timber. These timber stands are valuable, long-term investments which expand to job opportunities in a myriad of related businesses—sawmills, logging, trucking, insurance, and many others.

Hardwood lumber growers and manufacturers in Mississippi's First District are valuable members of the communities in which they live, and (like many others in Mississippi) have children and grandchildren who hope to stay in these businesses and continue to enjoy all that life offers closer to home. Hardwood timber stands are a critical part of savings and investment for many of my first district families. Without strong markets for lumber, those investments plummet. H. Res. 81 will help assure stronger markets without government intrusion. Instead we are offering a strong statement from the House that this private enterprise industry is one which should continue to reap the rewards of decades good business decisions and stewardship of the land.

The benefits of Mississippi hardwoods are much the same as the benefits enjoyed in nearly every state of the union—from the sheer beauty these forests offer to the hundreds of good jobs tied to them. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on this important measure.