

voted "yes." On rollcall #72 I would have voted "yes." On rollcall #73 I would have voted "no." On rollcall #74 I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON FOR BEING ASKED TO JOIN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) for being approved for full membership in the Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex. Texas Medical Center President and CEO Richard E. Wainerdi said of the decision to include UTMB in the Texas Medical Center, "We are proud to have The University of Texas Medical Branch join the Texas Medical Center as its 49th member institution. As a member of the Texas Medical Center, UTMB will be collaborating more closely with other member institutions and this relationship will further increase the combined level of expertise that will be a material benefit to citizens throughout Texas and beyond."

Working closely with UTMB as I do, I am not surprised that it has been asked to join the University of Texas Medical Center. The people of UTMB are consistently working to improve the lives and health of Texans and all Americans.

UTMB is one of the major centers of medical research in Texas and in the nation. UTMB features a multidisciplinary environment that enables scientists and clinicians to work on projects that often have immediate application to patient care. Among UTMB's areas of strength are neuroscience; pain management and stroke treatment; gastrointestinal health; environmental health and asthma; infectious diseases; vaccine development; cancer; molecular medicine; aging; and diabetes. Among its numerous activities, UTMB hosts summer science programs for middle school, high

school, and undergraduate students to help encourage and develop the research workforce of tomorrow.

While UTMB's research program is impressive, many Texans primarily think of UTMB as a leading provider of quality health care. This is because UTMB offers services ranging from primary to specialized diagnostic care. Particularly impressive is UTMB's pioneering telemedicine programs.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I congratulate the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for being asked to join the University of Texas Medical Center. I also extend my gratitude, on behalf of all the people of my district, for all that the people of UTMB are doing in both the field of medical research and in delivering quality health care to the people of Texas.

SID PRUITT—2010 INDUCTEE FOR THE BEACH DEEJAY HALL OF FAME

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I have the privilege of representing a district with a very unique culture. The people of eastern North Carolina have fought to preserve this culture that focuses on beach life and the traditions that go along with the coastal and coastal piedmont region.

Beach Music and Shag Music is the very foundation for many of the traditions for the people who grew up in eastern North Carolina and this music remains a staple in the lives of my constituents to this day.

My wife JoeAnne and I would like to congratulate Mr. Sid Pruitt, of Wilmington, NC, who is being recognized as the 2010 Inductee to the Beach DeeJay Hall of Fame. I have known Sid for 15 years and have flown with him a number of times, as he is also a pilot. I have just learned of his other talent as a "Beach Music" deejay.

Beach DeeJay Hall of Fame inductees are to be of reputable character and conduct himself in a professional manner and I can attest to this with Sid Pruitt.

Again, I would like to congratulate my friend, Mr. Sid Pruitt and his wife, Kathy, on his induction into the Beach DeeJay Hall of Fame and thank him for upholding and preserving the traditions that are so dear to the people of eastern North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26, 2010, I was absent for eight votes for medical reasons. I rise today to state how I would have voted had I been able to vote.

House rollcall vote 67, I would have voted "no."

House rollcall vote 68, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 69, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 70, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 71, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 72, I would have voted "no."

House rollcall vote 73, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 74, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and not present in the House chamber on Thursday, February 25, 2010 to vote on rollcalls 66 through 73.

I would have voted "yea" on rollcalls 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72 and 73. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 71 had I been present.