

Kevin recently retired from his position as District Manager of the North Broward Social Security Administration office, where he has worked tirelessly for 40 years.

Throughout his career, his hard work and dedication have been recognized through awards such as the Regional Commissioner's Citation and an individual Commissioner's Citation. Kevin also took the time to both mentor others and serve as an instructor and a recruiter.

In honor of his tireless work to help our seniors, I am pleased to recognize Kevin McCormick and to thank him for his service to our country. I wish him good health and a peaceful retirement.

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DAIMLER ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Daimler Trucks North America for being named an Environmental Steward by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

This award, which goes to "an organization that has demonstrated environmental leadership through its commitment to exemplary environmental performance beyond what is required by regulations," was given for its environmental performance at its Cleveland, N.C. plant, which builds Freightliner trucks. Only 16 facilities in North Carolina have achieved this recognition.

Daimler Trucks was recognized for eliminating hazardous wastewater sludge and reducing energy usage by 43 percent since 2008. The board also cited the facility's elite status as one of the nation's few manufacturing plants to send "zero waste" to landfills and noted Daimler's "commitment to continual improvement."

Mr. Speaker, we are proud to have this great facility in North Carolina's fifth district and I thank Daimler Trucks North America for its exceptional environmental stewardship.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 10, 2014, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote No. 55 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2431, as amended); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 56 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 447, as amended); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 57 (on approving the journal).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JASON CHAFFETZ**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I attended the funeral of a slain deputy sheriff in Utah on Feb. 2, 2013 and missed rollcall votes on H.R. 3590, The Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act of 2013, as well as votes on amendments to that bill.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on all of the amendments. I also would have voted "no" on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions.

Most importantly, I would have voted "yes" on final passage of the bill.

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RECOGNIZING THE GATEWAY  
FOUNDATION

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Gateway Foundation on its renewed accreditation by The Joint Commission. Since 1968, the Gateway Foundation's Alcohol & Drug Treatment Centers have helped thousands of individuals and their families formulate comprehensive and cost-effective treatment plans to battle addiction. Gateway's unique treatment approach, which focuses on both the mind and body, has allowed them to help individuals struggling with addiction lead full and healthy lives.

The Joint Commission is the leading accrediting organization for hospitals and behavioral healthcare organizations. To achieve accreditation, healthcare organizations like the Gateway Foundation have to be thoroughly assessed by health care professionals. The evaluation is based on a series of areas including how the organization educates its clients on treatment risks and options, whether or not the organization provides a safe treatment environment and how well the organization monitors a client's condition before, during, and after treatment. The Gateway Foundation excelled in these fields, receiving the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.

The Joint Commission evaluation included 11 Gateway locations throughout Illinois, including several in Chicago, one in Aurora, and one in Springfield. It also ensured that thirty of Gateway's alcohol and drug treatment programs targeting men, women, and teens, will be available for the next three years to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of the Gateway Foundation, and to congratulate them on receiving accreditation from The Joint Commission for their commitment to providing high-quality care and treatment.

HONORING ALEXANDER M.  
FORBES

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander M. Forbes. Alex is 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 444, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alex repainted parking lines at Christ Temple North Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander M. Forbes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA MULROY  
ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Patricia Mulroy on her retirement after twenty-five years of tireless work for Nevada and the Colorado River as General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA).

For over a quarter century, Pat Mulroy has been a dedicated partner in protecting and preserving the Colorado River Basin for varying interests. She is a determined advocate for the water needs of what once was a sleepy railroad town called Las Vegas. This was no easy task; she represented the driest state in the Nation with the smallest allocation from the River. Yet Clark County, where Las Vegas is located, grew from 900,000 in the early 1990's to 2.7 million during her tenure at SNWA. Under Mulroy's leadership, this community embraces water conservation as their primary means of finding "new" water.

It has been said that the ultimate measure of a man or woman is not where he or she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he or she stands at times of challenge and controversy. Despite the challenges, she has been involved in almost every major water policy development on the Colorado River since the 1980's, including the historic 2007 Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages. But perhaps, her closing act may be the most important of them all. In December 2013, Pat helped negotiate Minute 319 to the 1944 Treaty with Mexico—a momentous binational agreement to guide future management of the Colorado River through 2017.

The Colorado River Basin is better today thanks to the work of Pat Mulroy. As she