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| Slaughter | Titus | Welch |
| Smith (MO) | Tonko | Wenstrup |
| Smith (NE) | Tsongas | Westmoreland |
| Smith (NJ) | Turner | Whitfield |
| Smith (TX) | Upton | Williams |
| Southerland | Valadao | Wilson (FL) |
| Speier | Vargas | Wilson (SC) |
| Stewart | Veasey | Wittman |
| Stivers | Vela | Wolf |
| Stockman | Velázquez | Womack |
| Stutzman | Visclosky | Woodall |
| Swalwell (CA) | Wagner | Yarmuth |
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NOT VOTING—50

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| Cassidy | Hoyer | Rogers (KY) |
| Cole | Israel | Rogers (MI) |
| Cummings | Johnson (GA) | Rohrabacher |
| Davis, Danny | Kelly (IL) | Royce |
| Delaney | Kingston | Ruppersberger |
| Deutch | Labrador | Rush |
| Doyle | Lewis | Sarbanes |
| Duffy | Marchant | Schwartz |
| Edwards | McCollum | Smith (WA) |
| Flores | McIntyre | Van Hollen |
| Gingrey (GA) | Meeks | Waters |
| Gosar | Miller, Gary | |

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3717

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3717, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues this month of May to observe Lupus Awareness Month, a time where we work to increase public understanding of this cruel mystery.

Affecting approximately 28,000 people in my south Florida community and almost 1.5 million Americans nationwide, lupus is a tragically misunderstood disease. With symptoms that imitate many other illnesses, lupus is extremely difficult to diagnose and usually develops anywhere between age 15 and 44. Of those who are diagnosed, Mr. Speaker, 90 percent are women, and it impacts minorities two to three times more than Caucasians.

Along with my fellow cochairs of the Congressional Lupus Caucus—TOM ROONEY, BILL KEATING, and JIM MORAN—I am committed to increasing awareness about lupus and finally putting an end to this terrible disease.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

(Mr. GARCIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Foster Care Month.

In my home counties of Miami-Dade and Monroe, there are 3,500 children in foster care who need loving families and the promise of a bright future.

I would like to take a moment to recognize Bunchy Gertner, a true leader in south Florida in the cause to help these children. Working with the local organization Our Kids, she has led efforts to collect Christmas gifts for thousands of foster children, ensuring that they experience the joy of Christmas morning. Additionally, Bunchy has helped provide children aging out of the foster care system with the Good Housekeeping gift, basic household items that help ease the often too difficult transition to independent life.

We should take inspiration from Bunchy's charity and recommit ourselves during this month to guarantee that all children in the foster care system receive the support that they need and deserve.

DYING IN LINE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, American warriors have died in lands far, far away. We honor them this Memorial Day. But now, other American warriors are dying in the United States waiting for VA health care. They are "dying in line."

According to whistleblowers, at least 40, maybe more, have died before they could see VA medical personnel. And it gets worse. Allegations are the VA then secretly hid the long delays and told employees to "cook the books" so it looked like there were no delays at all.

Incompetence, secrecy, death. Reports indicate the VA may have known about the "death line" for years. Rather than fix the problem, the death line scandal has grown to include Colorado, Texas, Arizona, and Wyoming.

Immediately, Mr. Speaker, give veterans the option through a voucher to see a private doctor. Fire the people that caused this. Put others that committed crimes in the line for the stockade, and fix the problem.

Mr. Speaker, American veterans should not wait in line just to die.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING MAYOR SWEENEY'S
RETIREMENT

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished citizen and community advocate, the Honorable Michael Sweeney, mayor of Hayward, California, as he approaches retirement.

Mayor Sweeney put himself through college, earning a bachelor's and master's degree from Cal State Hayward.

His career as a public servant spans 32 years, starting as a member of the Hayward City Council, serving in the California Assembly, and continuing his role now today as mayor.

His service as an elected official is complemented by 38 years of advocacy for the underprivileged. Since November 2004, he has served as executive director of Spectrum Community Services. Spectrum provides people with the tools necessary to sustain independent living and achieve financial stability.

This month, Mayor Sweeney will retire from his position as executive director of Spectrum, and he will also be retiring from his service as mayor in July.

As he begins a new chapter in his life, I want to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Sweeney for his steadfast dedication to the people of Hayward. His years of service are truly an inspiration. I wish him all the best.

Thank you, Mayor Sweeney.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4660, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4435, HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-455) on the resolution (H. Res. 585) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

APPROVE THE KEYSTONE
PIPELINE

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is time for the President to put politics aside and approve the Keystone pipeline. It has been nearly 6 years since the application for Keystone was submitted.

Recently, I had the opportunity to see the domestic energy production happening in the Bakken oilfields in North Dakota. The increased energy production in North Dakota has lessened our dependence on foreign oil, created good-paying jobs, and helped reduce the State's unemployment to the lowest in the country. Approving the Keystone pipeline would have the same effect, creating 42,000 construction jobs and as many as 118,000 spin-off jobs.

Mr. Speaker, news of the recent oil tanker derailments remind us of the increased pressure that our railways are under from shipping more oil. Keystone will absolutely help immediately ease this burden by moving 700,000 barrels a day through the pipeline.

The bottom line here is everyone is standing ready to move forward on this project. I urge my colleagues to continue their bipartisan support for approving the Keystone pipeline.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

(Ms. SHEA-PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I attended the annual New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ceremony. This year's ceremony was particularly somber as we added a new name, Officer Stephen Arkell, to New Hampshire's Roll of Honor.

Officer Arkell was a police officer in the rural community of Brentwood. He was a husband, a proud father, and he loved his town and its people. He was also an accomplished carpenter, a respected youth sports coach, and an avid outdoorsman.

Just a week ago, Officer Arkell responded to a domestic disturbance in a senior housing complex. He walked into a situation that all men and women and their families who serve in our police departments know is possible. He was shot and killed trying to save a citizen.

Officer Arkell is survived by his wife and his two daughters. My thoughts and prayers are with them as they face life without their hero, without our hero.

We all owe Officer Arkell a tremendous debt of gratitude for the courage and sacrifice he showed. He is a true hero, along with Fremont Officer Derek Franek, who risked death himself trying to save him.

I am grateful for the heroism and the bravery of all the law enforcement personnel that responded that day, particularly the other officers from the Brentwood Police Department, the

State police SWAT team, and the firefighters who had to put out the fires that the suspect started. I will never forget any of them, and we all are grateful for their service.

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NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize May as National Military Appreciation Month, and Memorial Day right around the corner.

Our military members make countless sacrifices every day—sacrifices that many of us can't imagine. They put their lives on the line for our freedom and our safety, and they do it expecting nothing in return.

This month, we honor the brave Americans who serve in our Armed Forces, including our guardsmen and reservists. We appreciate military spouses for their strength and their loyalty. And we remember the heroes who have died while serving our country.

As the cofounder of the Military Family Caucus, I recognize that when a servicemember joins the military, it is not just a job, it is a family commitment to our country.

As the House considers the National Defense Authorization Act this week, I want to encourage the Secretary of Defense to continue working to reduce unemployment and underemployment of military spouses and support closing the wage gap between military spouses and their civilian counterparts.

This month, I offer great thanks and appreciation to our military men and women and their families because they deserve our gratitude for the sacrifices they have made, and they are essential to keeping America safe.

Yes, May marks National Military Appreciation Month, but really, every month the members of our military—and their families—should be celebrated, appreciated, and thanked for the commitment they have made.

BOKO HARAM MUST STOP, AND END IT NOW

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it was quiet around the dormitory deep in the heart of Borno, in northern Nigeria, where the landscape is barren and life is hard.

In the middle of that April night, gunshots fired and then almost 300 girls were kidnapped, and they remain missing. A night that no one can forget. This picture shows it all: a mother with a candle mourning that loss.

Mr. Speaker, we can no longer remain silent in any way. I thank Presi-

dent Obama for the assets of the FBI and intelligence, and certainly some military assets. But to the Nigerian government, those of us who have been friends and have worked with this government, enough is enough.

We need to find every resource: U.N. peacekeepers, the African Union, and any other resource that will help strategize to find those girls. There needs to be a targeted military unit from the Nigerian military that is utilizing the resources of others to help them safely rescue those girls.

Enough is enough. The slaughter by this terrorist group must stop. Boko Haram must stop, and end it now.

GM RECALL: THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, the disturbing news from General Motors in the recall case continues.

In the past few days, we have learned that internal emails were sent telling General Motors employees to avoid using certain words, words like "problem," words like "safety."

This raises questions about what GM knew and when they knew it. But Mr. Speaker, it also raises questions about the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration: What did they know and when did they know it?

From our committee work, we know that over the last decade, NHTSA had occasions to open up formal investigations into the recalled GM cars, but decided to do nothing. How could the Nation's watchdog on highway safety see the problem but do nothing?

The committee's investigation will continue. We have questions to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that were submitted at the last hearing. They need to be forthcoming. America deserves answers.

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT CRAIGIE

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned that Scott Craigie, the former chief of staff for Governor Bob Miller of Nevada, passed away last Tuesday. He was a tireless advocate for seniors and children, and an effective one at that.

Scott knew how to get things done. That is why he was put in charge of the successful Education First constitutional amendment campaign in 2004, which forced the State legislature to vote on an education funding bill before any other appropriation.

Scott also gave me my start in public service. He hired me for my first professional job in the legislative world, and I owe him my career. He believed in me and gave me a chance.

Scott, I will do my best to continue fighting for those who need someone to