

Marlow, of Watertown, New York, four years ago at one of the band's shows. Shortly after, they began a relationship and John moved to New York.

John drowned on April 21, 2014, while fishing with his wife, Lydia, in New York State. The two lived on the Black River in Watertown. John loved to take a canoe out to go fishing. On that day, the water levels of the river were high, and the water was cold. The couple dropped an anchor to fish; and shortly after the boat capsized. John and Lydia then swam towards a group of soldiers from nearby Fort Drum.

John was swimming well, but went back to save his wife's life when he noticed Lydia was having trouble swimming and keeping up. John kept his wife above water and then, with all the strength he had, he threw Lydia towards the soldiers. She was transported to a nearby hospital where she was hospitalized for hypothermia. Lydia survived. Days after the tragic event, local police and firefighters continued to search for John to no avail. Since then, the search has been called off and John's body was recovered. He did not have life insurance and was about to start working at a car wash in New York.

John is survived by his wife, Lydia; parents, Gilbert and Blanche Villafranco; sisters and their spouses, Natalia Villafranco and Andrew Fetzner, and Monica Villafranco and Rene Treviño; nephews, Joshua and Nicholas; grandmother, Aurora Garza; his pet fur babies, Otto, Leo and Skynard; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

It is with great sadness that I tell this story on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today. We lost a fellow Texan and San Antonian in a very tragic way. May his memories, joy and stories live in our lives forever. I pray that God may comfort his family, friends and loved ones during these very tough times. I also pray for John and that he may be resting in peace.

TRIBUTE TO WHITE'S CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, White's Chapel United Methodist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our district for the past one hundred forty-four years; and

Whereas, Pastor Harold Cobb and the members of the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our district; and

Whereas, the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our district; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past one hundred forty-four (144) years, being organized in 1870 after Captain White donated two acres of land to a small group of former slaves in order for them

to continue to worship together as a congregation; and

Whereas, White's Chapel has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with Rockdale County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 144th Anniversary of their founding; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 2, 2014 as White's Chapel United Methodist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of March, 2014.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays, I was unavoidably absent on May 19, 2014. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 218, I would have voted "aye" (May 19) (H.R. 2203—To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy (Representative TIBERI)).

On rollcall No. 219, I would have voted "aye" (May 19) (H.R. 685—To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare. (Representative SAM JOHNSON)).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following regarding rollcall No. 210, No. 211, No. 212, No. 213, No. 214, No. 215, No. 216, and No. 217—recorded votes On a Motion to Re-commit with instructions, On passage of H.R. 4438, the American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2014, On agreeing to the Castor (FL) amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Jackson Lee amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Wilson (FL) amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Langevin amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Bonamici amendment to H.R. 10, and On passage of H.R. 10, the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act.

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 210. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 211. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 212. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 213. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 214. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 215. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 216. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 217. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MARY MAHER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Maher, the recipient of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers 2014 Grower of the Year award. Ms. Maher is a leader in the wine industry and has dedicated her career to advancing the Napa Valley as a premiere wine region, which is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

Ms. Maher was born and raised in Glenn County, California. She attended California State University, Chico, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science and Biology. After managing vineyards for seventeen years throughout the Napa Valley, she made her way to her current position as Vineyard Manager for Harlan Estate, where she has worked for the past twelve years.

As Vineyard Manager, Ms. Maher established Harlan's in-house vineyard farming and development company, which today employs more than fifty people in the area. However, her involvement in the community does not end at Harlan. Ms. Maher has been a member of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Board of Directors, the Industry Issues and Harvest STOMP committees and the Napa County Pest & Disease District Board. She has even served as President of the Carneros Quality Alliance and the Napa Valley Vineyard Technical Group. Remarkably, Ms. Maher was one of only two female vineyard managers in Napa when she began her career. Since then, she has worked with the International Women in Cabernet Association and St. Helena Ag Boosters, serving as a role model for her fellow women in the grape growing industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Ms. Maher not only for her excellent grape growing, but for her commitment to our community. Mary Maher's unyielding dedication to excellence in growing is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish her further success in an already distinguished career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I had to depart for a meeting at the White House, and as a result, I missed one vote on May 19, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 219, awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces.