

after the foul, a fan ran onto the court and struck Jay M. Robinson's Rashon Gray in the head. Rather than escalate the situation and retaliate, the Bulldogs once again rallied around one another. The Bulldogs hit two free throws to clinch the victory and secure the state championship.

This moment was a microcosm of the Bulldogs' entire season and the young men who worked so hard to earn this championship. Whenever the Bulldog's faced adversity, the players and coaches never wavered from their commitment to the team and kept their eyes on their goal of capturing Jay M. Robinson's first 3A Championship. In addition to their talent—led by three 1,000 point scorers—the Bulldogs time and again showed the chemistry and mental toughness needed to become champions. Needless to say, this season will long be remembered by the Bulldogs' players, coaches and fans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the Jay M. Robinson High School Men's Basketball team for winning the 2016 NCHSAA 3A Championship. I look forward to the Bulldogs defending their title next season.

HONORING CALIFORNIA NATURAL  
RESOURCES AGENCY SECRETARY  
JOHN LAIRD

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 21, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative GARAMENDI and Representative HUFFMAN, rise to recognize and honor Secretary John Laird for his great contribution to the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015.

This outstanding accomplishment was made possible by the tireless work of countless advocates like Secretary Laird. Their commitment to engaging friends, colleagues, local residents, businesses, stakeholders across the country, and policymakers in a coordinated effort to achieve permanent protection was critical to the establishment of the Monument.

Now, the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument may be counted among the hundreds of pristine parks across the country that represent America's most treasured public resources. The region's unique geological formations will play host for the world's scientists for years to come. Centuries-old archeological sites will draw curious historians and researchers as they piece together the stories of generations past. And avid bikers, hikers, campers, horsemen, and sportsmen will be able to enjoy this landmark that is now forever open and accessible to outdoor enthusiasts from Northern California and beyond.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument serves as proof of the value of the Antiquities Act and the power of the Executive to protect these lands in the face of inaction by Congress. After extensive input from interested parties and substantial evidence of this region's value, the Obama Administration honored the support of stakeholders, and the gravity of conservation.

The legacy of public lands is one of the most important we can leave for future generations. The Berryessa Snow Mountain

Monument is a critical piece of a preservation system that stretches from the Hawaiian Islands to the Maine Coast. It has been a privilege working with Secretary Laird to further our mutual goal of preserving our nation's great open spaces, and we look forward to collaborating in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 21, 2016*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call vote number 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, and 123. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote number 114, 115 and 123. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yes" on roll call vote number 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121 and 122.

IN TRIBUTE TO MARTIN OLAV  
SABO FORMER CONGRESSMAN  
FROM THE GREAT STATE OF  
MINNESOTA AND A CHAMPION  
OF BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 21, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Martin Olav Sabo, a great American who served his country with distinction as a Member of this House who passed away on March 13, 2016 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the age of 77.

Martin Sabo was born on February 28, 1938, in Crosby, North Dakota, the son of Norwegian immigrants.

While growing up he worked the wheat farm that his family owned and operated.

In 1959, Martin Sabo earned his baccalaureate degree at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

The following year, 22-year old Martin Sabo was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives, where he served for the next 22 years.

In 1963, Martin Sabo met Sylvia, who became his wife and the love of his life, and together they had two wonderful children, Julie and Karin Sabo.

In 1973, Martin Sabo was elected by his colleagues to become the 45th Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, and served in that position until 1979, when he was elected to serve the people of the 5th Congressional District of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his time in Congress Martin Sabo chaired the House Committee on the Budget.

Congressman Martin Sabo was a champion of bipartisan legislation.

A shining example of his ability to work across the aisle is the effort he led as Budget Chairman to put together and pass the 1993 federal budget and deficit reduction package that resulted in the budget surplus in 1998, the first in almost 30 years.

Martin Sabo characterized this collective effort as one of his proudest legislative accomplishments.

Despite the sharp increase in divisive political discourse, Congressman Sabo never publicly disparaged another colleague in Congress, Republican or Democrat.

Congressman Sabo said that, "I've also tried to treat my colleagues with respect."

On March 13, 2016, surrounded by loving family members, Martin Sabo died peacefully at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Mr. Speaker, as a former colleague and friend of Martin Olav Sabo, I will miss this great man who put aside partisan politics to focus on great governance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of our beloved former colleague, Congressman Martin Olav Sabo.

IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDRA  
BAKER PATTERSON

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 21, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 27th birthday of the late Alexandra Baker Patterson.

On March 21, 1987, Alexandra was born at Arlington Hospital to Jim and Sheryl Patterson of Auburn, Alabama. Within minutes of birth, Alexandra was rushed to Georgetown University Hospital for surgeons to repair a complex cardiac abnormality.

After surgery and an extended hospitalization due to complications, Alexandra lived at home with nursing care. She eventually attended public school.

Alexandra was fascinated by photographs of eagles in flight and once told her father she wanted to grow up to be an eagle.

Today would have been her 27th birthday. For her parents and brother, James, Alexandra is forever an eagle.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Alexandra Baker Patterson.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE  
SENATOR LOIS WOLK

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative GARAMENDI and Representative HUFFMAN, rise to recognize and honor Senator Lois Wolk for her great contribution to the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015.

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