

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on September 20, 2016, on Roll call number 521 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 670, Special Needs Trust Fairness and Medicaid Improvement Act, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 670.

On September 20, 2016, on Roll call number 522 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5785, To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for an annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5785.

On September 20, 2016, on Roll call number 523 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5690, GAO Access and Oversight Act, I am not recorded. Had I been present, as an original cosponsor of the bipartisan GAO Access and Oversight Act, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5690.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMINIQUE
BEAUDRY AS A FULBRIGHT
AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dominique Beaudry for receiving a Fulbright award for the 2015–2016 academic year. Dominique was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant to Malaysia where she currently assists English teachers and serves as a cultural informant.

A native of Concord, North Carolina, Dominique graduated from Duke University in May of 2015 after studying public policy, education, and psychology. To go along with an outstanding academic career, Dominique has been an active leader in her community and demonstrated her willingness to serve others. Dominique's many commitments have now taken her across the globe as she continues to make an impact on the world around her.

Since its creation in 1946, the Fulbright Program has sought to foster people-to-people connections around the globe. By encouraging innovation and academic excellence, the program allows outstanding students to develop relationships, knowledge, and leadership skills necessary to address the challenges of the future. Alumni of the program have gone on to become leaders in their fields, and include Nobel Laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, and even Members of Congress.

There is no doubt in my mind that Dominique is well on her way to joining the ranks of these impressive individuals. Her time in the Fulbright program will serve her well in all of her endeavors and will leave her with memories that she is sure to cherish for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ms. Dominique Beaudry as a Fulbright award recipient and wish her well as she continues to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE INTER-
NATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a resolution recognizing September 21st as the International Day of Peace.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the United Nations declaring the need for the global community to celebrate an International Day of Peace. Around the world, today is an inclusive effort towards encouraging, promoting, and recommitting to peaceful action and ceasefire.

At a time when war, violence, and conflict dominate the news headlines, peace may seem a distant and lofty goal. However, during times like these I am reminded of a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—“Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.” Mr. Speaker, I have witnessed seemingly insurmountable obstacles of hate being toppled by the spirit of love. It is for this reason that I continue to have faith in the possibility of positive and good change.

Every year, I fight tirelessly to protect the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), an organization which serves as the key link between U.S. national security agencies and their global counterparts to prevent and resolve conflicts. I believe in my heart of hearts that USIP's mission and work are critical to our national security and foreign policy priorities.

A few years ago, after leading a congressional delegation to India to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. King's pilgrimage, I introduced a bill—the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act. This bill teaches the doctrine of nonviolence, the effectiveness of applying the principle of Satyagraha, or non-violent resistance, to a new generation of emerging global leaders and scholars. USIP was on the same page and developed educational modules on non-violent civil mobilization.

In my core, I also believe that peace work begins at home. It is for this reason that I was so encouraged when the U.S. Institute of Peace launched the inaugural USIPeace Teachers program, which selected educators from across the country to incorporate peacebuilding into their curricula. My constituent, Timothy McMahon, a teacher at Atlanta International School, was an inaugural participant in this great program, and sought to instill the skill of effective, mindful dialogue in his classroom.

You see, Mr. Speaker, peacefulness begins at the local level, within each community, and in every person. Nearly a year ago, His Holiness, Pope Francis addressed the U.S. Congress, and he reminded us of the Golden Rule—“To treat others as we treat ourselves.” On days like today, I encourage each of my colleagues not only to cosponsor this resolution, but also to consider how even the smallest act can make this world a little better, a little more peaceful, a little more loving for generations yet unborn.

HONORING FORMER FLORESVILLE
MAYOR DIANA GARZA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of former Floresville Mayor Diana Garza.

Mrs. Garza was born January 17th 1956 to parents Cipriano Villarreal and Florinda Tejada Villarreal in Floresville, Texas. She graduated from Floresville High School where she met her soon to be husband Casimiro “Cassy” Garza. Eventually, they moved to Laredo, Texas where she worked for the Laredo Morning Times and then Rodriguez Pharmacy. They ultimately moved back to Floresville where she felt the calling to serve.

Diana was always dedicated to her community. She was a tireless worker and always considered the well-being of others before herself. Along with these qualities she always stood her ground and never wavered when trying to help those around her. These qualities led her to being elected to two terms as Floresville city's first female mayor and an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and church.

It is the personal stories, however, that truly exemplify her character. If you were to ask those who knew her, you would surely hear how kind and warm she was. You would hear about her visits to the sick, the critical help she provided to Floresville after a terrible tornado, and the respect she always showed to those around her. I personally remember her hard work when we successfully obtained funding for the city's water treatment facilities. These were qualities that she was known for; everyday acts of kindness, appreciation, effort, and generosity.

Diana is survived by her husband, Casimiro, and their three children. Her legacy lives on in the work she did for her city, local community, friends, and family. She will also be remembered for the countless lives that she had touched and as an example of how we should live our lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the life of Diana Garza.