

Richard Hill, William Hilgenberg, Ronald Hoagland, Robert Johnson, Ronald Klug, Terry Kramer, Lonnie Kruse, Darrel Kyger, Bertram Langeberg, Gerald Lauer, Jay Lee, James Lichty, Anthony Lucas, Thomas Mannix, Juan Martinez, Modesto Martinez, James McDaniel, Kenneth McDonald, Ronald McDuff, Phyllis Minch, Alfred Montoya, Thomas Moreno, Donald Morris, Stephen Morris, Dennis Moss, Joseph Muzy, Emery Patrick, Joseph Plummer, Steven Prater, Benjamin Prieb, Ronald Rains, Donald Ratliff, Richard Regan, Frederick Reiter, Thomas Robb, Bonnie Rohn, Fernando Romero Jr, Charles Rossi, Janice Schilling, Dennis Seitz, William Sladek, Michael Smith, Stephen Smith, Edward Snider Jr, John Tallman, Bruce Tibboel, Gary Todd, Gary Trippel, Billy Trobee, David Valdez, Wesley Van Pelt, Louis Velasquez, Stuart Veltkamp, Paul Wallace, Bryan Warwick, Tom Wasmer, Robert Watters, Steven Wilson, John Yost, William Young.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on passage of H.R. 5895 (Roll Call No. 257). Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on final passage.

H.R. 5895 is a consolidation of three appropriations bills, all which deserve individual consideration. The FY19 Energy and Water appropriations bill does little to protect our environment, cuts investment in clean energy initiatives, weakens safeguards to protect endangered species and makes drinking water less safe for children.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DR. KENNETH SAUNDERS, SR. AND FIRST LADY SHIRLEY HARRIS SAUNDERS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise today to congratulate Rev. Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Sr. and his wife, First Lady Shirley Harris Saunders, as they celebrate their retirement. Dr. Saunders and Sister Shirley have dedicated nearly 30 years of service to North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey, and their leadership and commitment are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Dr. Saunders and Sister Shirley are devoted to their faith and community. Dr. Saunders is Treasurer of the New Jersey Annual Conference and First Episcopal District, a member of the Episcopal Committee for the African Methodist Episcopal Church and an officer on the Middlesex County Black Caucus. A dedi-

cated public servant and an active member of the community for years, he also previously served on the New Jersey State Parole Board, the New Brunswick Theological Seminary Board of Trustees and as Chaplain for the Piscataway Police Department and Council.

A community leader in her own right, Sister Shirley has also endeavored to improve the lives of others. Through her work with the New Jersey Conference Women's Missionary Society, the Nubian Sisters for Christ Ministry, the Shirley A. Saunders Youth Liturgical Dance Ministry, the North Stelton Scholarship Ministry, and many others, Sister Shirley has been a staunch advocate for youth and family issues. Her involvement with the New Brunswick Theological Seminary Ladies Auxiliary and the New Jersey Conference Women's Missionary Society, as well as other faith-based organizations, exemplifies her commitment to serving the Lord and community.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Kenneth Saunders and his wife, Sister Shirley Harris Saunders on their retirement and thanking them for their years of service and leadership to the North Stelton A.M.E. Church and the greater Piscataway community.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the entire California Republican Delegation to honor and pay tribute to former California Governor George Deukmejian, who passed away in Long Beach, California on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Deukmejian served the people of California in many ways throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

Deukmejian's parents, George Sr. and Alice Gairden, were Armenians who emigrated from the Ottoman Empire in the early 1900s to escape the Armenian Genocide. George Jr. was born on June 6, 1928, in Menands, New York. Deukmejian graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Siena College in 1949 and then earned a Juris Doctor from St. John's University in 1952. Shortly thereafter he served for two years in the U.S. Army, assigned to the Judge Advocate General's Corps. In 1955, Deukmejian moved to California and later met his future wife Gloria Saatjian. They married on February 16, 1957, and had three children.

Following a brief time in private law practice in Long Beach, Deukmejian entered politics and, in 1962, was elected to the California State Assembly. A few years later, Deukmejian was elected to the State Senate, where he would serve for twelve years and rise to become the Majority Leader. With a legacy of advocating for law and order, Deukmejian successfully ran for Attorney General in 1978. In 1982, Deukmejian was elected to his first term as Governor of California. He would later be re-elected to a second term in 1986. Throughout his time as Governor, Deukmejian was known as a fiscal conservative who was tough on crime and helped make the state economically competitive.

Along with the entire California Republican Delegation, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Deukmejian family, his friends,

and everyone who had the pleasure of serving with him. Although Governor Deukmejian may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in California will have a lasting impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2018, during consideration of H.R. 5895, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2019, I am recorded as voting 'aye' on roll call No. 246. On this vote, I was misreported. I duly intended to vote 'no' on roll call No. 246.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAT MONTGOMERY FOR HER IMPACT ON MICHIGAN'S EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pat Montgomery for years of devoted and distinguished leadership as she is recognized by ATHENA International. Her service to her students has given them the confidence to go out into the community and make a difference.

ATHENA International was founded in 1982 by Lansing businesswoman Martha Mertz to honor the contributions of those who help women to succeed. Ms. Mertz has long held the belief that it takes a village to help women in our communities thrive and has seen her small nonprofit grow exponentially over the years. Today, ATHENA International is a global organization that mentors and trains women in more than 500 cities and 8 countries around the world. The ATHENA Leaders of Huron Valley help develop and support women through various programming initiatives including entrepreneurial classes and one-on-one mentoring. The great work of Michigan's female leaders is honored at the ATHENA Awards each year. This year's winners include Pat Montgomery, an educator who sees endless potential in each one of her students.

Inspired to promote education in an unstructured setting, in 1967, Ms. Montgomery founded Clonlara School in Ann Arbor in an effort to further her vision of a school that allowed students the freedom to explore their interests in an intellectually stimulating learning environment. Initially consisting of only 8 students, Clonlara's education offerings have grown and expanded over the decades, and the school today runs a homeschooling program that serves students through international offices in Europe and Central America, as well as with online offerings. Ms. Montgomery was the driving force behind the conception and development of Clonlara, serving as a teacher, executive director and in other roles and has been fundamental to the school's longevity. Her efforts have created a lasting impact on the Michigan educational community and have bettered countless lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pat Montgomery for her years of service. She has set a high bar for educators in Michigan and across the country.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5985) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes:

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of our amendment, which strikes a provision in this bill that would prohibit the future closure of the Yucca Mountain project.

This extreme language severely undercuts any opportunity to pursue viable alternatives for Yucca Mountain, including job-creating alternatives that OMB would be required to study under my bill, the Jobs, Not Waste Act.

Even worse, this language we're seeking to strike would essentially prevent another community that consents to storing nuclear waste from being considered as the nation's nuclear repository—effectively closing the door to safer, more viable sites and forcing Nevada to become the sole dumping ground for nuclear waste we never even generated.

Based on DOE's own studies, Yucca Mountain is unfit as a repository site for nuclear waste because of the impact it would have on national transportation.

This bill throws evidence-based policy making out the window in a narrow-minded effort to force Nevada into being a nuclear waste dump.

Instead of spending billions more in hard-earned taxpayer money on this project that's destined to fail and that will inevitably put families across the country at risk, let's leave the door open to forward-thinking alternatives for Yucca Mountain.

TRIBUTE TO DONNABELLE AND ELVIN ERNEST

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donnabelle and Elvin Ernest of Bedford, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on March 8, 1948.

Donnabelle and Elvin's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them

many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them nothing but the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, in order to attend my son's graduation on Thursday, June 7, 2018, I was unable to cast my votes on roll call numbers 240 through 252.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NAY on Roll Call No. 240—On ordering the previous question;

NAY on Roll Call No. 241—On agreeing to the resolution;

NAY on Roll Call No. 242—On approving the Journal;

NAY on Roll Call No. 243—On passage of H.R. 3, a rescissions bill, which eliminates Children's Health Insurance Program funding;

AYE on Roll Call No. 244—On agreeing to the Tsongas amendment to increase funding for the purposes of offshore wind job training grants;

AYE on Roll Call No. 245—On agreeing to the Beyer amendment to restore funding for clean energy research;

NAY on Roll Call No. 246—On agreeing to the Gosar amendment to eliminate funding for clean energy;

AYE on Roll Call No. 247—On agreeing to the Lee amendment;

AYE on Roll Call No. 248—On agreeing to the Connolly amendment;

NAY on Roll Call No. 249—On agreeing to the Gosar amendment;

AYE on Roll Call No. 250—On agreeing to the Lowenthal amendment to support clean oceans;

NAY on Roll Call No. 251—On agreeing to the Blackburn amendment; and

NAY on Roll Call No. 252—On agreeing to the Norman amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN VAN CAMP FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Van Camp for his outstanding career at Southwest Solutions. Mr. Van Camp has served the state of Michigan and its homeless population well through his service.

Mr. John Van Camp returned to his hometown of Detroit, Michigan after living overseas and serving in the Peace Corps. Once back in the United States, he attended graduate school at Wayne State University and became involved in the newly created Southwest Solutions. The company was established as a mental health agency in 1972 in response to deinstitutionalization in Michigan and across

the nation. Mr. Van Camp joined Southwest Solutions as an administrative assistant in 1973 and worked at the company for years before being named Executive Director in 1981. Throughout his tenure as CEO of Southwest Solution, the company has expanded into one of the largest nonprofits in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Van Camp is known by his coworkers and friends for his leadership abilities and dedication to the men and women of metro Detroit. Under his leadership, Southwest Solution offers over 70 programs for Michigan residents ranging from housing assistance to workforce development to community engagement. The programs assist various populations throughout southeast Michigan, primarily focusing on vulnerable populations including the homeless, veterans and children. Southwest Solutions is lauded for its unparalleled work in housing development—the company has spearheaded over 700 units of affordable housing and restored 25 multi-story buildings. Mr. John Van Camp has made a tremendous impact on the direction of mental health and rehabilitation services in Michigan, and his hard work and expertise will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Van Camp for his service as CEO of Southwest Solutions. Mr. Van Camp has effectively served the state of Michigan and its vulnerable populations through his nonprofit work.

HONORING KENT BRAITHWAITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A SOCIAL STUDIES AND ENGLISH TEACHER AT COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2018

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Kent Braithwaite on his retirement after 39 years of service as a teacher, counselor, and role model for the students of Coachella Valley High School.

During his tenure, Mr. Braithwaite has left an indelible impression on countless students. As a social studies and English teacher, an advisor, and a mentor, he has helped countless students prepare for and pursue a college education. More importantly, he instilled in his students a lifelong love of learning.

Many years ago, I was one of those students in Mr. Braithwaite's English class. I like to think I tried my best in every class—but Mr. Braithwaite was the kind of teacher who not only taught, but inspired his students to work even harder. He challenged my classmates and me every day, pushing us to write clearly, read carefully, and question the beliefs and assumptions we brought to his classroom.

In the Coachella Valley—the region I grew up in and have the privilege to represent—there are still far too many young people who drop out of school before they can graduate or pursue a higher education. Teachers like Mr. Braithwaite are helping to show these students that they can achieve their dreams by pursuing their education.

During his nearly four decades of teaching, Mr. Braithwaite has served his fellow teachers