

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