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While I recognize the rights of law abiding citizens to purchase guns for hunting and collecting, as a parent I have to ask myself "how many more children have to die because of gun violence before "enough is enough."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 216, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I was granted a leave of absence for today, Friday, June 18, 1999 after 12 noon. At that time, I received word of a family emergency at home in New Jersey and immediately left Washington D.C. Following are the votes I missed and how I would have voted:

Representatives Sessions and Frost amendment (No. 8) to H.R. 2122, the Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act: On rollcall No. 239, I would have voted "nay".

Representative Goode Amendment (No. 9) to H.R. 2122, the Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act: On rollcall No. 240, I would have voted "nay".

Representative Hunter Amendment (No. 10) to H.R. 2111, the Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act: On rollcall No. 241, I would have voted "nay".

Representative Rogan Amendment (No. 11) to H.R. 2122, the Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act: On rollcall No. 242, I would have voted "yea".

Representatives Conyers and Campbell Amendment (No. 12) to H.R. 2122, the Mandatory Gun Show Background Act: On rollcall No. 243, I would have voted "yea".

On Passage of H.R. 2122: On rollcall vote No. 234, I would have voted "nay".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Thursday, June 17, 1999, missing rollcall votes 220 through 235. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 220, "no" on rollcall 221, "yes" on rollcall 222, "no" on rollcall 223, "no" on rollcall 224, "yes" on rollcall 225, "yes" on rollcall 226, "no" on rollcall 227, "yes" on rollcall 228, "yes" on rollcall 229, "yes" on rollcall 230, "no" on rollcall 231, "yes" on rollcall 232, "no" on rollcall 233, "no" on rollcall 234, and "yes" on rollcall 235.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO AKA's BETA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring your attention to an organization that has made quite an impact on its surrounding community. I speak of the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest Greek-letter organization for African American women. Founded on the Howard University campus in Washington, DC on January 15, 1908, it has grown from a membership of 9 to over 150,000.

New Jersey's oldest chapter is Beta Alpha Omega. It was chartered on January 30, 1934 in Newark. For the past 65 years this chapter has continuously provided invaluable community services in the City of Newark and surrounding area. As a result of their unwavering dedication to the improvement of their community, the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter will be honored by the Kappa Alpha Sorority on Saturday, June 19, 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we too join in honoring this fine organization; an organization rich in both history and service. Once again, I extend my praises to the Beta Alpha Omega, and wish them another 65 years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 217, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

FIGHTING HUNGER FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY: COMMEMORATING BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute and congratulate Bread for the World on their 25th anniversary, and welcome Bread for the World members from across the country as they convene in Washington, D.C. for their National Gathering, Silver Anniversary Celebration, and Annual Lobby Day.

For 25 years, Bread for the World has worked to end hunger and seek justice for the poor, the hurting, and the oppressed. When people of faith come together around the common conviction that hunger can be defeated, great things happen. And great things have happened over the years, as Bread for the World has won many victories, large and small, on behalf of the hungry and voiceless.

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It has been my privilege to work with Bread for the World on many issues over the years, and I've often drawn inspiration from the energy, dedication, and tenacity of Bread for the World Members and staff. This organization represents our finest traditions of living faith and civic duty, and its efforts have never been more important.

Despite a booming economy, hunger is on the rise, and millions of low-income Americans are having trouble putting food on the table. Rosy economic statistics are masking real hardship and a deepening of poverty for many working people and others. Across the nation, the number of people turning to food banks and soup kitchens for help is up substantially. And here in the richest nation on earth, we still have a disgracefully high child poverty rate, with one in five of our children living in poverty.

And despite tremendous progress in this fight over the past 25 years, hunger still threatens 800 million of the world's people. Large populations in Africa's Great Lakes Region, Angola, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and North Korea require assistance to survive. World estimates of people requiring emergency food aid to escape hunger now exceed 26 million.

We know that debt relief is hunger relief, and that is why Bread for the World's Debt Relief for Poverty Reduction initiative is so timely. This year, Bread for the World joined together with hundreds of other organizations working internationally to ease crippling debt burdens that keep poor nations from investing in the well-being of their citizens. Payments on past debt are, on average, twice the amount that many poor countries receive in aid. In sub-Saharan Africa, nations are making payments of \$12 billion each year on old debt—six times the amount it would take to school all African children. That is wrong, and I am pleased to join with Bread for the World in seeking to change it.

I give thanks for Bread for the World and its members and staff for their contributions to fighting hunger in the United States and overseas, and wish them continued blessings in the years ahead, as they seek justice and an end to hunger.

TRIBUTE TO DISCOVER CARD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the recipients of the Discover Card Tribute Award scholarships. The winners were selected from over 10,000 applications nationwide.

The Discover Card Tribute Award program honors outstanding high school juniors across the United States and overseas. The Tribute Award program not only recognizes the students scholastic achievement, but also their community service, leadership skills, unique talents, and goal attainment. The winners may