RETIREMENT OF GENEVA YOUNG FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an accomplished woman and a longtime leader in the Social Security Administration, Geneva Young. Ms. Young is retiring as the Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Manager for the Social Security Administration in the New York Region, after being employed with Social Security for nearly 40 years.

Over the years, Geneva has proven herself as a dedicated and committed employee to the Social Security Administration and to the American people. Starting her career with the Social Security Administration as a Claims Representative in the Charlotte, North Carolina field office, Geneva moved up the ranks of the Social Security Administration. After only 3 months on the job, Geneva moved to New York to work for the Social Security Administration in the New Rochelle Field Office. By 1980, Geneva became an Operations Analyst for the Social Security Administration and only 6 months later was promoted to Operations Supervisor. Geneva remained in the New Rochelle Field Office until January 1995, when she began working in the Office of the Regional Commissioner as an Equal Employment Specialist. By 2007, she was promoted to the position of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Manager for the Social Security Administration in the New York Region. It is in this role that she is retiring today from the Social Security Administration.

As Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Manager for the New York Region, Geneva managed the equal opportunity program for the region. As the regional authority on equal opportunity, she has developed, administered and evaluated all Equal Employment Opportunity programs. She also has participated in the agency's policy-development process to create national policies and guidelines for Social Security on Equal Employment Opportunity matters and served as advisor to regional management on the development and interpretation of policies and guidelines.

Throughout her years of serving the people of the New York Region, Geneva has touched many lives with her commitment to public service. She and her staff have worked tirelessly to recommend strategies to resolve controversial issues and plans. She also has organized, directed, staffed, carried out, and reviewed a positive management-oriented Equal Employment Opportunity program. Her services will be greatly missed by her colleagues and friends.

I know what great change and improvement Geneva has provided. I wish her good luck in her retirement, something she deserves after her years of work and service to the Bronx community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on December 17, 2010. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

H. Res. 1377, Honoring the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta—rollcall #648: ''yea.''

Senate Amdt to H.R. 1107, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, ''Public Contracts''—rollcall #649: ''yea.''

H.R. 6523, Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011—rollcall #650: ''yea.''

Senate Arndt to H.R. 628, To establish a pilot program in certain U.S. district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges—rollcall #651: ''yea.''

H. Con. Res. 336, Providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress—rollcall #652: ''yea.''

H. Res. 1776, Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011 and for other purposes—rollcall #653: ''yea.''

H.R. 2142, GPRA Modernization Act of 2010—rollcall #654: ''yea.''

H.R. 5510, Aiding Those Facing Foreclosure Act of 2010—rollcall #655: ''yea.''

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Friday, December 17, 2010, I was not present for votes as I was attending the White House signing ceremony for H.R. 4853, the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 652, H. Con. Res. 336—Sine Die Adjournment, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall No. 653, H. Res. 1776—Rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 105—Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall No. 654, H.R. 2142—Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2009, I would have voted ''aye.''

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDREW BARYLSKI

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNETICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Barylski Sr., who passed away on December 8, 2010. Barylski fought for his country and survived the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. I am honored to stand in tribute to him.

Barylski Sr., a Putnam, Connecticut native, was born in 1916 and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1938. He was stationed in an observation tower high on Oahu at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941 when a surprise Japanese attack left 2,402 Americans dead and 1,202 wounded.

After the attack, Barlyski Sr. stayed in Hawaii and helped rebuild the island until he was honorably discharged in 1945. Barlyski often spoke of his experiences in the war, but always remained modest about his accomplishments. He was a lifelong member of the Putnam American Legion Post 13 and Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1523.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Barylski family. Andrew Barlyski Sr. served his country and led a remarkable life. I hope that is a small comfort for his son Andrew Barylski Jr., his daughters Linda March and Gloria Ghirarduzzi and six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren as they cope with the loss of their father and grandfather.

True American heroes deserve recognition for their accomplishments. Andrew Barlyski witnessed a turning point in American history and helped rebuild a devastated island in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack. I ask my colleagues to rise with me so that we may honor Andrew Barylski Sr. and celebrate the life of a true American hero.

NICHOL WOOD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud Nichol Wood for her outstanding service to our community.

Nichol has always set the bar high for herself. While working full time, raising two young sons, earning a college degree and doing it with Cum Laude Honors many would find that impossible.

Nichol excels not only in her personal goals, but in her professional life as well. As the Branch manager of the Bank of the West she exceeded all of her goals in a regional competition among branches earning first place in customer service and loan production.

In addition to focusing on her children and achieving at work, Nichol takes time to give back to the community. She is involved in numerous charitable events, including the March of Dimes Walk for Babies, Kids Against Hunger Food Drive, Operation Hope, Junior Achievement and Habitat for Humanity to name a few.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nichol Wood for her well deserved recognition by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.