

on rollcall No. 311—Yes—Marshall of Georgia Amendment No. 4; on rollcall No. 312—Yes—McGovern of Massachusetts Amendment No. 13; on rollcall No. 313—Yes—Inslee of Washington Amendment No. 82; on rollcall No. 314—Yes—Gutierrez of Illinois Amendment No. 21; on rollcall No. 315—No—Eshoo of California Amendment No. 42; on rollcall No. 316—No—Pingree of Maine Amendment No. 80; on rollcall No. 317—No—Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 79; on rollcall No. 318—No—Sarbanes of Maryland Amendment No. 47.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 27, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I voted, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall No. 312.

APPLAUDING THE MACOUPIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE'S INCLUSION AS ONE OF THE “150 GREAT PLACES IN ILLINOIS”

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to applaud the Macoupin County Courthouse and its inclusion as one of the “150 Great Places In Illinois” as determined by the American Institute of Architects as part of its 150th anniversary celebration. This remarkable courthouse in the City of Carlinville has long had great historical significance. It was built to replace the courthouse where a persuasive attorney named Abraham Lincoln once practiced law, and since its completion it has stood as a central part of the county and local community.

Completed in 1870, the courthouse was designed by Elijah E. Myers, who later designed numerous state capitols. This extraordinary building resembles the Corinthian order with its impressive portico on the north side and south elevation. The large dome, classical detailing and use of native limestone all add to the building’s splendor. At the time of its completion, this courthouse was among the largest county courthouses in the United States, rivaled in size only by the one in New York City. Within Illinois it became an impressive symbol of grandeur, as it even outsized the Illinois Statehouse in the Springfield Capital.

Along with its aesthetic appeal, the building also garnered praise for being technologically advanced. The Macoupin County Courthouse was designed and constructed to be nearly fireproof—a characteristic not at all common among structures of the day. Stone, brick and metal were used almost exclusively, with wood used only sparingly. The painted sheet metal was magnificently detailed, and some of the

major doors were constructed from cast iron. The ornate design, materials and construction resulted in a cost of over \$1.3 million dollars once completed, roughly \$19 million by today’s standards.

The Macoupin County Courthouse still serves as the seat of the county government 143 years later, which demonstrates the enduring impact and quality of the structure. With its inclusion as one of the “150 Great Places In Illinois,” the Macoupin County Courthouse joins other significant landmarks such as the State Capitol and the homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park. I applaud the American Institute of Architects for including the Macoupin County Courthouse and recognize that it will continue to be a proud symbol of Illinois achievement and magnificence for generations to come. I thank the Speaker for allowing me to share this moment of joy stemming from the 17th Congressional District of Illinois.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, it is important we each take a moment to pay tribute to the generations of Americans who have given their lives so that we may enjoy the rights and freedoms we hold so dear. It is important to remember and honor those who have served us and have given the ultimate sacrifice.

As the daughter of a veteran of the Korean War, I had the privilege of knowing firsthand the pride commanded through military service by those who served and the families who supported them. As a member of Congress, it has been my honor to work to provide those who have served our Nation with benefits reflective of their service.

This Memorial Day, each of us can express our gratitude with a simple yet powerful act of tribute. Americans are asked to pause at 3 p.m. for a National Moment of Remembrance. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, stop for just one minute. Consider all the rights and liberties that are guaranteed to us as Americans, but withheld from so many others around the world. Consider the members of the armed forces who served, fought and died so that our great Nation can be strong and we can live with liberty and security.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING EDUCATORS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sandra Resnick, Marta Kinsberg, Ruth Sondik, and Sue Faiman for their distinguished careers as educators. The students, faculty, and parents of Taylor Mills School owe them a great debt of gratitude for

their commitment to child development and educational excellence.

We all remember a favorite teacher who inspired us to strive to reach our full potential. While Taylor Mills School community will miss the many years of knowledge and experience these devoted teachers will take with them, their personal influence on thousands of children will be their lasting legacy.

On a personal note, I am delighted that Sandra Resnick’s retirement will allow her to spend even more time nurturing the grandchildren we share, who, as she knows, are perfect.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these wonderful teachers on their retirement and thanking them for their many years of commitment and hard work.

PROTECT CAMP ASHRAF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I am very concerned about the safety and security of the 3,400 members of the main Iranian opposition who are residing in Camp Ashraf, Iraq. The United States Government signed an agreement with each and every individual in that Camp to protect them against potential attacks and mistreatment from Iran or its proxies in Iraq. In return for that promise to protect them, residents of Camp Ashraf voluntarily turned over all their weapons in 2003 to the our military. U.S. Military Forces took on full protection of the camp in 2003, and continued to closely monitor it from their base in FOB Grizzly in Ashraf, beginning in 2009. I am concerned for their continued safety as the United States prepares to rapidly leave Iraq.

America has a moral and legal obligation towards the residents of Camp Ashraf. They are vulnerable to persecution by Tehran’s proxies. In addition, many family members of Camp Ashraf residents have been sentenced to death in recent weeks in Iran. I have met with many family members of Camp Ashraf who live in the United States, including in New York State, and they are very committed and dedicated individuals who seek not aid but only the safety and security of their loved ones. Many of the Camp Ashraf residents spent years in Iranian prisons and underwent torture and mistreatment by Tehran’s henchmen before they managed to leave Iran and take up residence in Camp Ashraf. Many student leaders, academics, teachers, and intellectuals who were threatened with arrest and execution by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Ministry of Intelligence made their way to Camp Ashraf. They are a major source of encouragement for the democracy movement in Iran.

Given the current instability in Iraq, and given the fact that the Maliki Government has stated that it intends to forcibly displace and/or expel the Camp residents, which would certainly lead to further bloodshed, I believe we should be doubly alert about the safety and security of Camp Ashraf’s residents. I want to urge President Obama, and Secretary Clinton