

year will provide uniform treatment for servicemembers for an additional year and avoid confusion among servicemembers that could result if the time frame reverts to three months.

Our nation's military personnel are the best in the world, willingly putting their lives on the lines to protect our freedoms every day. The least we can do for them is ensure they have a home when they leave active duty service.

The gentleman from Washington, Mr. HECK, and I are pleased to be introducing this bill today. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR, DECEMBER 7TH, 1941

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I sat in my office this past week, thinking, writing, and reflecting.

Trying to put together the words to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice 73 years ago is no easy task.

And no matter how many years pass, no words better describe that pivotal day than President Roosevelt's descriptor of "a date which will live in infamy".

And within an hour of those words, Congress launched the greatest generation into war against Imperial Japan.

While the names and faces of that day sink below the surface of our memory, photographs of that era packed away collecting dust, of those who rallied in support of our efforts, patriots, heroes, each and every one . . . The sacrifices of the greatest generation, standing boldly together against the great evils threatening us—will never die.

Let us proclaim once again, that whoever wishes us ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, and oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty and the people of this great nation.

Thank-you and God Bless You.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 17; Tuesday, November 18; Wednesday, November 19; and Thursday, November 20, 2014, I was out on medical leave recovering from surgery and unable to be present for recorded votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on roll call vote No. 520 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5162), "no" on roll call vote No. 521 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 756), "no" on roll call vote No. 522 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 756), "no" on roll call vote No. 523 (on agreeing to the Stewart amendment to H.R. 1422), "yes" on roll call vote No. 524 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1422 with instructions), "no" on roll call vote No. 525 (on

passage of H.R. 1422), "yes" on roll call vote No. 526 (on agreeing to the Kennedy amendment to H.R. 4012), "yes" on roll call vote No. 527 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 4012 with instructions), "no" on roll call vote No. 528 (on passage of H.R. 4012), "yes" on roll call vote No. 529 (on agreeing to the Waxman amendment to H.R. 4795), "yes" on roll call vote No. 530 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 4795 with instructions), and "no" on roll call vote No. 531 (on passage of H.R. 4795).

LAKELAND WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL DEDICATION

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to a very special dedication ceremony taking place in my home town of Lakeland, Florida.

The World War II Memorial Plaza at Veterans Park will be dedicated this Sunday, on the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks on December 7, 1941. It is fitting that the first portion of the memorial to be placed will honor the casualties of Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Speaker, December 7, 1941, is still a day that lives in infamy. The War in the Pacific was a hard-fought, slow, and deadly campaign that tested the very resolve of the American military. And yet, through the valor and heroism of our service men and women, we were victorious.

My own father served in the Navy in the Pacific theater, and the stories he told me growing up made me appreciate not only his patriotism and courage, but that of his brothers in arms. I am thankful that these brave heroes will be honored in Lakeland this weekend for their courage and sacrifice during one of the most important military campaigns in our nation's history, and with that, I yield back.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 2014, on Roll Call #520 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5162—To amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On November 18, 2014, on Roll Call #521 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 756, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1422) EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4012) Secret Science Reform Act; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4795) Promoting New Manufacturing Act, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On November 18, 2014, on Roll Call #522 on H. Res. 756, Providing for consideration of

the bill (H.R. 1422) EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4012) Secret Science Reform Act; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4795) Promoting New Manufacturing Act, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On November 18, 2014, on Roll Call #523 on Agreeing to the Stewart of Utah Amendment to H.R. 1422, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On November 18, 2014, on Roll Call #524 on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 1422, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On November 18, 2014, on Roll Call #525 on passage of H.R. 1422, the EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On November 19, 2014, on Roll Call #526 on Agreeing to the Kennedy Amendment to H.R. 4012, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On November 19, 2014, on Roll Call #527 on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4012, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On November 19, 2014, on Roll Call #528 on passage of H.R. 4012, the Secret Science Reform Act of 2014, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present I would have voted NAY.

On November 20, 2014, on Roll Call #529 on Agreeing to the Waxman Amendment to H.R. 4795, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On November 20, 2014, on Roll Call #530 on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4795, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On November 20, 2014, on Roll Call #531 on passage of H.R. 4795, the Promoting New Manufacturing Act, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF JHONNY PINEDA

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Jhonny Pineda served as my Legislative Assistant for California's 35th Congressional District, which includes the communities of Bloomington, Chino, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rialto in San Bernardino County, and the city of Pomona in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Jhonny Pineda contributed greatly to the public policy goals of my office and served as a legislative staff member to specifically serve constituent groups advocating for a better quality of life, assisting with housing issues, veteran issues, working conditions, education, and immigrants' rights.