

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington yesterday. Four recorded votes were taken by the House; if I were here, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 252: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.J. Res. 95, designating an official flag of the Medal of Honor and providing for presentation of that flag to each recipient of that Medal of Honor, as amended. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 251: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3971, a bill to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 250: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3786, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2002. I would have voted "yea"; and

Rollcall No. 249: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. I would have voted "yea".

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HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 249, H.R. 3937, To revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 250, H. R. 3786, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 251, H.R. 3971, calling for an Independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 252, H.J. Res. 95, Designating an Official Flag of the Medal of Honor and Providing for Presentation of that Flag to each Recipient of that Medal of Honor. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. J. PAT CUMMINGS

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 29, doctors of optometry from around the nation will gather in New Orleans to elect Dr. J. Patrick Cummings to be the 81st president of the American Optometric Association. Dr. Cummings is a resident of Sheridan, Wyoming, and it is a pleasure for me to take a moment today to congratulate him on this honor.

Dr. Cummings is a graduate of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, and the university's College of Optometry, where he has served as an adjunct professor since 1994. Dr. Cummings has been in private practice in Sheridan since 1977. He also served as a consulting optometrist at the VA medical center in Sheridan for 13 years and is currently on the staff at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry. As you might expect, Dr. Cummings has been an active member in his professional societies. He has been recognized twice as Wyoming's Optometrist of the Year. He was elected to the American Optometric Association's board of trustees in 1994 and has held a number of association leadership posts during the past nine years.

In addition to his professional involvement, Dr. Cummings has been active in a wide range of civic activities. These include: the Lion's Club, Jaycees, Sheridan County Memorial Hospital Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and Sheridan Area Community Foundation. He also has served as a house captain for Christmas in April, a CPR instructor and trainer, a Red Cross advanced first aid instructor and a National Ski Patrol first aid advisor. Dr. Cummings has been a member of the National Ski Patrol since 1978 and was a member of the Professional Ski Instructors Association. An avid pilot and aircraft builder, Dr. Cummings has constructed and flown two home-built aircraft and has helped in the construction of several others.

Dr. Cummings and his wife Becky have three children, Patrick, Abby and Josh. The American Optometric Association is the professional society for the nation's 33,000 optometrists. Dr. Cummings will lead the association as it continues to work to improve eye and vision care in the United States. Dr. J. Patrick Cummings has distinguished himself as a leader in his profession. I am confident that he will have a successful term as president, and I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall numbers 249, 250, 251, and 252. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall numbers 249, 250, 251, 252.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, my vote on June 21, 2002 (Rollcall No. 248) which is recorded as absent was recorded in error. I intended to vote "yes" and would like the record to reflect my position on final passage of H.R. 4931, the Retirement Savings Security Act of 2002.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUNGER SURF SHOP

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Bunger Surf Shop and acknowledge the pioneering efforts Charlie and Janet Bunger have made on behalf of surfing on Long Island.

In 1962, Charlie Bunger built his first surfboard in his garage on Indiana Avenue. Three years later, Charlie and his business partner, Kevin Kelly, opened the retail end of Bunger Surf Shop in Copaigue, New York. At the time, the Bunger Surf Shop produced over 1,000 boards a year with only 15 employees. Throughout the next thirty years, the Bunger family expanded their business to Bay Shore, West Babylon, and Babylon. Today, you can still find Charlie, Janet and their four children, Theresa, Susan, Charlie Jr., and Tommy, covered in foam dust and dripping in resin as they construct and design world renowned surfboards.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to bring to the attention of Congress Charlie Bunger's induction into the East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame. Charles Bunger has distinguished himself as one of the premiere surfboard manufacturers on the East Coast and the Bunger Surf Shop has become an icon in Babylon Village. The Bungers are pioneers in the field of surfing and their contributions to the sport and to the Second Congressional District of New York will not be overlooked.

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