

Vote No. 275 was on final passage of a bill Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Vote No. 275.

COMMENDING THE SERVICE AND SPIRIT OF SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF BARRY UNIVERSITY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the long and dedicated service of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, who will step down as president of Barry University on June 30, 2004.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Jeanne has been an exemplary leader at Barry University since taking office 23 years ago, in 1981. A tireless and enthusiastic promoter, she has helped to raise more than \$200 million for her school, sometimes through humorous means, such as competitive ballroom dancing and singing at a fundraiser aboard a yacht.

Sister Jeanne has made an enormously positive impact on the academic environment at Barry University. At the time of her inauguration, Barry University had 1,750 students. It now boasts 9,042, the fourth largest private university in Florida. Sister Jeanne has presided over an increase in the number of academic schools from five to ten, and the construction of 38 additional buildings on campus.

Her multiple awards, achievements and honorary degrees, too many to list here, testify to her boundless energy, her spirit of goodwill, and her commitment to excellence in education. Her work on behalf of women's rights, the homeless, safe and drug-free school communities, hurricane reconstruction efforts, children, and numerous other organizations has had a lasting impact in South Florida. Simply put, her efforts have touched hundreds of thousands of lives.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Jeanne more than deserves our admiration and respect for her dedicated and compassionate public service. She is an example to educators everywhere, and, really, to us all as individuals, that superior results arise when you put your heart and soul into something you believe in. As Sister Jeanne has said, what she is "most proud of in my 23 years at Barry University are the experiences that I've had with the people who have been in my life."

I wish to congratulate and thank Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, and I wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

TENTH YEAR OF NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the AIDS Services

Foundation of Orange County, California in recognizing the tenth year of National HIV Testing Day, a life saving effort organized by the National Association of People with AIDS. This year's theme is "Take the test, and take control" of your life.

Each year, an estimated 40,000 new HIV infections occur in the United States, and as many as one-third of those new cases do not know they are infected. This growing and tragic epidemic has undeniably affected families and friends of every community. National HIV Testing Day emphasizes the importance of early detection of the virus through testing, counseling and HIV status awareness.

Latino populations continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. While Latino teens represent 15 percent of the U.S. population, they account for 21 percent of new AIDS cases. And statistics show HIV infections may be on the rise among the Latino population.

I am privileged to promote National HIV Testing Day by urging minority communities to take the test, and to take control of their lives. The reality is minority communities now represent the majority of new AIDS cases. Considering this fact, we must encourage testing. Since 1995, treatment advances have led to dramatic declines of approximately 70 percent in HIV-related deaths.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the AIDS Services Foundation of Orange County for the very important contributions and services they provide to those affected by HIV and AIDS. As Members of Congress, let's do our part to protect our constituents and to promote National HIV Testing Day.

HONORING ISABELLE WADSWORTH OF PETALUMA, CA ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Isabelle Wadsworth of Petaluma, California, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. A good friend, a wise woman, and a great mind, Isabelle's active life is a model for all of us who value community leadership and visionary spirit.

Born in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1914, Isabelle earned a BA at the University of Arizona and an MA at Northwestern University. In Arizona, she met her future husband, John Wadsworth. They married in 1937 and headed for California shortly thereafter. Initially, John managed a paint store in Santa Barbara and then served in the U.S. Army Air Corps until 1946. During the War, Isabelle moved to Sonoma County where John joined her later. Their daughter Sandra was born in 1948. The couple enjoyed a 63-year marriage. John passed away in 2000.

In 1943, Isabelle began work as an office manager at Sonoma Title Guaranty, eventually joining the Board of Directors from which she retired in the 1960s. Her concern for her community resulted in the creation of Petaluma People's Services, which she helped launch in 1963. Today the organization successfully offers a broad range of services such as counseling, housing, employment assistance, senior services, and other programs.

As a director at Sonoma County Mental Health Services, Isabelle was instrumental in the establishment of Oakcrest, a county mental health facility. She also served on the Sonoma County Grand Jury and was active in the League of Women Voters. She remains politically involved today, following the news closely and commenting freely on the issues.

Daughter Sandi describes Isabelle as "an inspiration and a mentor to me. She taught me the value of being a well-rounded person, exposing yourself to as much as you can and learning about everything."

Mr. Speaker, Isabelle Wadsworth is an inspiration to many of us, especially women who share her passion to make a difference. Her community leadership shows what caring people can accomplish. Happy Birthday, Isabelle.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in this Chamber on June 21, 2004. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 276, 277, and 278.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of Union has under consideration the bill. (H.R. 4568) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment offered by my friend and colleague, Congressman RUSH HOLT.

Yellowstone National Park is the flagship of the National Park Service and is a favorite to millions of visitors each year. Since the first explorers began documenting their discoveries to modern day, the features of Yellowstone National Park have virtually remained the same. The scenic beauty, the thermal features, the volcanic mysteries, the free roaming wildlife are all a throwback to bygone days that continues to captivate the hearts and minds to all who are fortunate enough to witness them.

Mr. Chairman, this wonderful experience should remain available to those who responsibly use a snowmobile to enjoy all that Yellowstone has to offer.

Snowmobiling is a very important recreational activity for many Wisconsin families each winter. In fact, there are over 210,000 registered snowmobiles in my state, and I am concerned this amendment would unnecessarily curtail a popular method of enjoying Yellowstone and negatively impact on the industries snowmobiling supports.

The manufacturers of snowmobiles have successfully labored to build quieter, cleaner machines. The four-stroke engines found in new generation snowmobiles emit far less hydrocarbons and carbon monoxides than the older, two-stroke models. In addition, they operate at a decibel level that is quieter than many vacuum cleaners.

The sixty-five thousand snowmobiles that enter the parks each winter on a limited road system is part of a new Winter-Use Plan that allows all Americans to enjoy the majestic beauty of Yellowstone, while still preserving the health of the Park and the wildlife that live there. In fact, the environmental impact of these machines on this national treasure is likely far less than that of the nearly two million cars and trucks that enter in the summer months.

Mr. Chairman, responsible snowmobiling has its place in the American outdoors, especially in national forests designed for multiple-use. I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS A.
PETERLIN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the service and career of Mr. Francis A. Peterlin as he prepares to retire after forty-four years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, Mr. Peterlin has epitomized the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment and has displayed exceptional leadership in the advancement of the Navy's military construction requirements within the Department of Defense and the Congress.

In July 1960, Mr. Peterlin began serving his nation at the Department of Interior. In 1962, he chose a different path and entered the military in the Navy Reserves as a Civil Engineer Corps officer. While serving in June 1965 as Officer-in-Charge of SEABEE Technical Assistance Team 1104 in Dong Xoai, Vietnam, his unit was overrun by Republic of Vietnam Army forces. For his bravery and leadership during this encounter, Mr. Peterlin was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals along with the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for SEABEE Team 1104.

Upon discharge from the hospital and military service in 1966, Mr. Peterlin began his 38-year association with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command as a Civil Engineer for the Resident Officer of Construction, Pacific in San Bruno, California. During this tour ROICCPAC was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of construction efforts in Southeast Asia.

In 1969, he adopted the Commonwealth of Virginia as his home when he transferred to the Headquarters of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command located at the time in Alexandria, Virginia. In a succession of positions of increased responsibility Mr. Peterlin brought to this Command keen insight, attention to detail and a calm demeanor that fostered thoughtful and effective solutions. From 1969–1979, he was a civil engineer in the Interagency Con-

struction Division providing project management for projects from various defense and federal agencies. In 1979, he became a Supervisory General Engineer in the Officer in Charge of Construction, Trident, Program supporting the construction of new homeports for Trident class submarines in Bangor, Washington, and Kings Bay, Georgia. From 1981–1991, he served as the Command's Congressional Advisor, providing professional advice to senior Navy officials testifying at Congressional hearings and dedicated and trusted support to the staffs of the Armed Service and the Military Construction Appropriation committees of both the House and Senate. He then served as a Division Head from 1991–1997, Deputy Director 1997–2002, and Director 2002 to the present of the Military Construction Directorate.

His steadfast leadership and superb performance have won him numerous awards, including the Department of the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Award in 1988 and the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1991. Mr. Peterlin completes his distinguished and honorable career in public service as Director of Military Construction, Naval Facilities Engineering Command responsible for the programming, budgeting, and construction of all Navy ashore facilities worldwide. He leaves behind a cadre of proteges that he has mentored into positions of leadership to carry on his legacy.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Frank Peterlin for his long and dedicated service to this country and join with his friends and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he and his wife Elena begin a well-earned retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 21, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 276, 277, and 278. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 276 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 591, Expressing the Gratitude of the House of Representatives for the Contributions made by America's Community Banks; rollcall vote 277 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 4363, the Helping Hands for Homeownership; and rollcall vote 278 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 660, Congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 276, 277, and 278.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 260 through

278 on Thursday, June 17, 2004, Friday, June 18, 2004, and Monday, June 21, 2004 due to a requested and approved leave of absence. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 260, on approving the journal;

"No" on rollcall 261 on the Hinchey amendment numbered 18 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to kill bison, or assist in the killing of bison, in the Yellowstone National Park herd;

"No" on rollcall 262 on the Sanders amendment to prohibit the use of funds to maintain more than 65 million barrels of oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

"No" on rollcall 263 on the Holt amendment numbered 4 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to permit recreational snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, which connects the two parks;

"Yes" on rollcall 264 making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

"No" on rollcall 265 on the DeFazio amendment numbered 17 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to strike the proviso beginning on line 5;

"No" on rollcall 266 on the Sweeney amendment numbered 3 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to increase by \$450,000,000 the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness;

"No" on rollcall 267 on the Jackson-Lee amendment to increase research, development, acquisition and operations by \$10,000,000;

"No" on rollcall 268 on the DeLauro amendment which sought to insert a new section at the end of the bill to require that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to issue an order under a task and delivery order contract to entities not in compliance with section 835 of Public Law 107–296;

"No" on rollcall 269 on the Roybal-Allard amendment numbered 1 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to process or approve a review of options for privatizing of contracting out services provided as of June 1, by employees or temporary employees of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services who serve as immigration information officers, contract representatives or investigative assistants;

"Yes" on rollcall 270 on the Tancredo amendment to prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to any state or local government entity or official that prohibits or restricts the sharing of an individual's citizenship or immigration status with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

"No" on rollcall 271 on the Maloney amendment numbered 9 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to limit to 80 the total number of grants available under the Urban Area Security Initiative, which provides discretionary grants to high-threat, high-density urban areas;

"No" on rollcall 272 on the Sabo amendment to insert a new section at the end of the bill for the Privacy Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct privacy impact assessments of proposed rules as authorized by section 222 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 142), hereby derived from