

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, my original flight tonight was cancelled, and I was forced to miss the rollcall votes on House Resolution 328, House Concurrent Resolution 175, and House Resolution 364. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these measures.

RECOGNIZING EMANUEL
"TROOPER" LEDEZMA**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emanuel "Trooper" Ledezma, a rising star in San Antonio, Texas.

Emanuel was born in 1982 to two Mexican immigrants who came to our country to achieve the American Dream. Emanuel immediately took an interest in boxing, joining his brothers at the San Fernando Gym.

Although Emanuel has been a dedicated boxer since the young age of 9, he realized the importance of education and service, graduating from Clark High School and enlisting in the United States Army in early 2002.

Emanuel served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division while he was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq for a tour of duty, and while there, he received numerous medals including, among others, Operation Iraqi Freedom, National Defense Medal, and two Army Accommodation Medals.

While enlisted and stationed at Ft. Bragg, Emanuel joined the Ft. Bragg Boxing Team and traveled throughout North Carolina in competitions. He now trains at the Zarzamora Street Gym and plans to make San Antonio and his family proud by pursuing and succeeding at boxing at the professional level.

Being fluent in both English and Spanish, Emanuel hopes that his cultural and ethnic roots can help him reach out to Latino youth and show them the importance of education, hard work, and perseverance.

Emanuel is a true representation of the "American Dream" that his immigrant parents came to this country to achieve, and I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed flight and, therefore, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 380, 381, and 382. Had I been present, I would have vote "yea" on all three votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
FRITO-LAY, TECHNOLOGY PROC-
ESS CENTER**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center in Dallas, Texas, for outstanding achievement in the field of occupational safety and health.

The tremendous efforts on behalf of the entire workforce have resulted in the center's approval to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Volunteer Protection Programs at the Star Level. Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center has now been a VPP participant for 5 years.

Since 1982, OSHA has recognized American worksites that have exceptional records and exemplify commitment to workplace safety and health. Less than 1,000 worksites under Federal jurisdiction currently share this distinction. Sites meeting VPP's demanding requirements typically experience injury and illness rates 53 percent below the industry average.

It is my pleasure to commend the men and woman of Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center for being approved once again as a VPP participant. Their dedication to workplace safety and health deserves to be recognized.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today, and to ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary of a wonderful city in my district, Grand Blanc, Michigan. This momentous occasion will be marked by a series of events, including the dedication of a new Town Square and the opening of a connector street, both on July 26.

Originally a settlement of the Chippewa Indians, French traders arrived at the turn of the 19th century, naming their new home Grand Blanc, or "Great White." By 1823, pioneer families had set up trading posts, and built homes and farms on the abundant land, which sold for \$1.25 an acre. The railroad added more work and growth to the small community in 1862. In 1904, the village became the first in the State to consolidate its schools, and on March 4, 1930, the residents adopted a City Charter.

Over the past 75 years, Grand Blanc has grown to become one of Genesee County's and Michigan's fastest growing cities, while still maintaining its small town atmosphere. It is the proud home of one of the State's top school systems, thriving commercial districts and downtown area, and many public and private golf courses, including Warwick Hills, site of Michigan's only PGA Tour event, the Buick Open.

Grand Blanc's greatest treasure, however, is its residents. From those who have lived there

for a generation, to those who call it home for the first time, the people who make Grand Blanc such a warm and welcoming community shall always serve as its true nucleus.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Grand Blanc Mayor Michael Matheny, City Manager Randall Byrne, and the dedicated City Council for their vision in recognizing the need to acknowledge this milestone. I am proud to call them my colleagues, my constituents, and my friends. Once again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Grand Blanc, Michigan on its 75th Anniversary.

HONORING JAMES C. BRAZELTON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James C. Brazelton of Modesto, CA upon his retirement for his dedicated service with the Office of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County.

Mr. Brazelton began his law enforcement career as a Military Policeman assigned to the White House Security Detail. In 1963, he joined the City of Bakersfield Police Department where he served as a Patrolman, Motorcycle Officer and Detective. He accepted a position with the City of Orange Police Department in 1968 and worked his way through the ranks as a Patrolman, Detective, Watch Commander, SWAT Team Commander, and Sergeant. While with the City of Orange Police Department, he attended Western State University, College of Law, in Anaheim, California. Upon graduating in 1974, he moved on from the City of Orange Police Department to spend the next 11 years in the private practice of law.

In 1985, James Brazelton accepted the position as a Senior Deputy District Attorney with the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. Primarily serving in the Felony Trial Division, Mr. Brazelton was responsible for prosecuting many high-profile homicide cases. In 1993, Mr. Brazelton was appointed Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Felony Superior Court Division and in August 1995, he was named Chief Deputy District Attorney for Administration.

On March 19, 1996, James C. Brazelton was appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of the retiring District Attorney and was sworn in as District Attorney on March 29, 1996.

In 2001, Mr. Brazelton was appointed by California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer to serve on the Blue Ribbon SWAT Team Practices Commission. He is also a member of the National District Attorneys Association and an alumnus of the National College of District Attorneys. In 2005, he was appointed by President Bush to a four-person focus group on capital punishment litigation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. James C. Brazelton of Modesto, CA upon his retirement from the Office of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Brazelton many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall Votes Nos. 363–379 from July 11 to July 14, 2005. Following Hurricane Dennis' landfall in my district on July 10, 2005, it wasn't possible for 3 days to fly out of the area, and it became clear during that time that it was most prudent to remain in the district for the balance of the week to survey and assist with immediate needs following the storm's passage.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted:

Rollcall vote No. 363, H. Con. Res. 168, condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 364, H. Res. 333, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 365, Previous Question on H. Res. 352, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 366, H. Res. 351, the rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 739, H.R. 740, H.R. 741, and H.R. 742, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 367, H. Res. 352, providing that the House of Representatives will focus on removing barriers to competitiveness of the United States economy, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 368, H. Res. 343, commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 369, H.R. 739, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to the filing of a notice of contest by an employer following the issuance of a citation or proposed assessment of a penalty by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 370, H.R. 740, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 371, H.R. 741, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 372, H.R. 742, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 373, Capps Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6, "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 374, H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 375, H. Res. 356, condemning in the strongest terms the

terrorist attacks in London, England, on July 7, 2005, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 376, Rohrbacher Amendment to H.R. 2864, "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 377, Flake Amendment to H.R. 2864, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 378, final passage of H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act of 2005, "nay"; and

Rollcall vote No. 379, H. Con. Res. 191, Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the conclusion of the War in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War, "aye".

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF
HUGH P. BRADY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend Mr. Hugh Brady, a member of the professional staff of the House Armed Services Committee, whose honorable service to this body and to our country deserves our sincere appreciation.

Hugh recently departed Capitol Hill for the private sector after many years of selfless service. While here, he epitomized what it means to be a professional staff member. He is uniformly recognized by his peers and by industry and executive branch officials as an expert in the fields of the Federal budget, missile defense, and the nuclear weapons-related activities of the Energy Department. It is also no understatement to say that many Armed Services Committee members, including me, John Spratt, and Silvestre Reyes have come to rely on the wisdom of Hugh's advice, and it was invariably on the mark. Nevertheless, Hugh is the kind of person who never sought public recognition. Instead, he labored tirelessly in the background to insure those of us in the spotlight had access to the most sound policy analyses and advice possible. On the rare occasions when we might pursue another course, he unflinchingly adopted that course as his own immediately and worked to support it with all of his energies and expertise.

Those of us who know Hugh know that this approach has been his *modus operandi* since he arrived on the Hill in 1985, soon after graduating Magna Cum Laude from Hamilton College in New York and a brief internship at the State Department. After two years in the office of Representative Ben Gilman (R-N.Y.), Hugh left to attend to pursue a master's degree in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Upon graduation he received a prestigious appointment as a Presidential Management Intern and subsequently worked in the Navy Comptroller's Office and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Hugh returned to Capitol Hill in 1992, working first in the office of Representative JOHN SPRATT (D-S.C.) as a legislative assistant focusing on national security and international affairs. It was not long before he moved to the Budget Committee as an analyst for defense and international affairs. From there, Hugh moved to the Armed Services Committee, where he primarily worked on the Strategic Subcommittee on issues concerning space, ballistic missile defense, intelligence policy, budget matters and defense issues within the Department of Energy. Mr. Speaker, I am sure

you recognize what an important portfolio that is, with a myriad diverse and complex issues that directly affect our national security. Yet, Hugh mastered it with aplomb.

Typical of Hugh's mastery of substance, as well as his understanding of politics, was his successful effort to establish an equitable worker's compensation program for Energy Department Employees who were exposed to harmful substances while working in nuclear weapons complex. Despite high program costs, budgetary considerations and cross-cutting political concerns on both sides of the aisle, Hugh shepherded this legislation into law, where it has received almost universal critical acclaim.

On the personal side, Hugh is a lifelong New York Yankees fan who has remained devoted to the team even as their league standing plummeted and their performance on the field declined to the point that his colleagues have ridiculed their play. Still, he never let his fervor for the Yankees interfere with his work, or with his role as a devoted husband and father. With that said, then, Mr. Speaker, I am sure you can appreciate that perhaps nothing attests to Hugh's great professionalism more than the fact that he stalwartly managed to come to work the day after Game 7 of the 2004 American League Championship, when the outcome could have killed a Yankees fan of lesser constitution.

Mr. Speaker, we are so very fortunate to have people like Hugh Brady, who dedicate themselves to providing us Members of Congress with the very best support imaginable. It is staff members like Hugh Brady who enable Members of Congress to do work so well and who make the House of Representatives the great institution that it is. We do not mention their contribution frequently enough. We miss opportunities to thank them, but they think nothing of it. Instead, they continue to go forth and serve the country as best they can, and the American people are so much the better for it. Hugh Brady has been such a selfless public servant. Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all Armed Services Committee members in extending to him our deepest thanks.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AS
THEY COMMEMORATE THEIR BI-
CENTENNIAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mount Vernon, of Knox County, Ohio, is celebrating 200 years of establishment; and

Whereas, Mount Vernon in its entirety is recognized and is commended for its excellence, leadership, and ongoing efforts to be an example of success for the rest of the state of Ohio; and

Whereas, Mount Vernon will celebrate its founding on July 16, 1805, exactly 200 years ago.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Knox County and the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating the Bicentennial Anniversary of Mount Vernon.