

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Friday, June 15, 2007, I missed votes because I had left Washington, I attend my son's swearing in to the California State Bar. I rise today to enter into the record how I would have voted had I been able to vote.

House rollcall vote 466. I would have voted "no" on the McHenry Amendment to the Foxx Amendment, which failed by a vote of 108-300. This amendment would have resulted in a 50 percent cut to the General Counsel's office.

House rollcall vote 467. I would have voted "yes" on the Foxx Amendment, which would have reduced funding of the Office of the Secretary by \$1.241 million.

House rollcall vote 468. I would have voted "yes" on the Fallin Amendment to reduce Office of the Secretary funding by \$138,000.

House rollcall vote 469. I would have voted "yes" on the Drake Amendment, to provide \$9.1 million for the 287(g) program, which trains and supports local law enforcement to enforce immigration laws, and reduces the Under Secretary for Management by \$10.4 million.

House rollcall vote 470. I would have voted "yes" on the King of New York amendment, which would provide \$40 million for domestic nuclear detection office.

House rollcall vote 471. I would have voted "no" on the Brown-Waite amendment to provide an additional \$89.125 million for border fencing and technology because the bill fully funds the President's \$1 billion request.

House rollcall vote 472. I would have opposed the Burgess amendment that would have cut the Under Secretary for Management by \$15 million and fund the Secure Flight program because the Administration has no plan for this program's operations and privacy protections.

House rollcall vote 473. I would have supported the Ferguson amendment which would have cut the Under Secretary for Management by \$50 million and increase Buffer Zone Protection grants, doubling funding for the program.

House rollcall vote 474. I would have supported the McHenry amendment to cut Under Secretary for Management and increase Citizenship and Immigration Services immigration processing by \$30 million.

House rollcall vote 475. I would have voted "no" on the Pearce Amendment. The amendment would cut aviation explosive investment by \$125 million and increases Customs and Border Protection by a like amount. This amendment would delay security improvements to detect explosives at airports and in air cargo. This bill already contains record numbers of border patrol agents and border protection funding.

House rollcall vote 476. While I support border fencing, I would have opposed the Carter Amendment. The amendment would eliminate the following requirements—State, local and Federal consultation on border fencing; a 15-day public notification of environmental waivers; and a good-management expenditure plan for the \$1 billion provided in this bill for

border fencing and technology. As a Representative of a border community, I have strong concerns about eliminating the requirement the Department consults with border communities and states when constructing fencing.

House rollcall vote 477. I would have voted "no" on the McCaul Amendment, which would eliminate the requirement to certify the cost effectiveness of unmanned aerial vehicle use at the borders before additional ones may be procured.

House rollcall vote 478. I would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 105, offered by Rep. King (IA). The amendment would provide an additional \$5 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to promote an employment eligibility program, bringing the total to \$35 million.

House rollcall vote 479. I would have voted "no" on the Bilbray Amendment. The amendment would provide \$150 million additional funding to REAL ID, when there was already \$50 million in the bill.

House rollcall vote 480. I would have voted "no" on the McCaul Amendment (No. 99), which would strike a provision in the bill to limit funding in this or any other bill until pending litigation on the human resource system is resolved.

House rollcall vote 481. I would have voted "no" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment No. 2. The amendment would cap the number of aviation screeners at 45,000.

House rollcall vote 482. I would have voted "no" on the Poe Amendment. This amendment would require people traveling to and from my District and Canada to have a passport and would not allow the Department of State to implement an alternative passport document.

House rollcall vote 483. I would have voted "yes" on the LaTourette Amendment to restrict funding in the Act from implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative before June 1, 2009. I strongly support not allowing the administration to implement WHTI before 2009 because the Administration has failed to report on how it will implement the program in a way that does not affect trade and protect the privacy of my constituents.

House rollcall vote 484. I would have voted "no" on the Tancredo Amendment, which would restrict funding in the Act from implementing the Visa Waiver program, a program with 27 countries today.

House rollcall vote 485. I would have opposed the Tancredo Amendment No. 7 which would block State and local communities from receiving grant funding if they are found to be acting in contravention of the law that States and locals cannot prevent the sharing of immigration information with the Federal government. Neither DHS nor the Department of Justice has ever found this to have happened.

House rollcall vote 486. I would have voted "no" on the Royce Amendment that would require all \$1 billion in the bill for border fencing and technology only for two layers of pedestrian fence.

House rollcall vote 487 I would have voted "no" on the Forbes Amendment which would eliminate the ability to extend Temporary Protected Status granted victims from war-torn countries.

House rollcall vote 488. I would have voted "no" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment. The amendment would eliminate the Davis-Bacon

prevailing wage requirement in the bill. Our contract workers deserve to be paid a prevailing wage and I strongly oppose this amendment.

House rollcall vote 489. I would have voted "no" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment No. 1. The amendment would reduce funding in the bill across-the-board by 5.7 percent, or a total of \$2.1 billion.

House rollcall vote 490. I would have opposed the Republican Motion to Recommit on this bill.

House rollcall vote 491. I would have voted "yes" on final passage of the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations bill, which includes \$1 billion for border security, funding for an additional 500 agents on the northern border, and reverses cuts made by the administration to critical first responder grant programs.

House rollcall vote 492. I would have voted against the Hayes Amendment, which would cut \$30 million, or 15 percent, from the NATO Security Investment Program.

House rollcall vote 493. I would have voted for the Blumenauer/Brown-Waite Amendment to cut \$201 million from the BRAC 2005 account and increase the BRAC 1990 account by \$50 million. There is currently a \$3.5 billion backlog in environmental clean up projects necessary as a result of previous BRAC rounds. This amendment ensures that we continue to make progress on rehabilitating old bases.

House rollcall vote 494. I would have voted "no" on the Price Amendment to cut \$50 million from the BRAC 1990 account, which funds old environmental clean up programs. The amendment would then increase VA medical services funding by \$22 million. The bill already includes \$28.9 billion for veterans' medical care, the largest increase in the history of the VA.

House rollcall vote 495. I would have voted "yes" on the Moran Amendment. This amendment would have increased the beneficiary transportation account by \$10 million.

House rollcall vote 496. I would have voted "yes" on the Garrett Amendment to add \$10 million to the State Extended Care facilities account. As I represent the Jacobetti Veterans Home in Marquette, MI, I have been a strong supporter of veterans' homes.

House rollcall vote 497. I would have voted "yes" on the Musgrave/Salazar amendment to prohibit the Army from studying the possible expansion of the Pinon Canyon maneuver site, a training site in Colorado.

House rollcall vote 498. I would have voted "yes" on the final passage of the 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, which included the largest increase in VA funding in U.S. history.

## A TRIBUTE TO W. HORACE CARTER

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson took the field as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team and broke the color barrier as the first African American to play in the major leagues.

His courage, determination, and integrity have served as an inspiration to generations and opened the door for thousands to play our national pastime. Rightly, our Nation recently stopped to celebrate the 60th anniversary of this historic milestone.

However, as many know, the practice of discrimination and racism continued many years after Mr. Robinson's historic first game. Indeed, there were other courageous individuals who joined in the fight for equality and justice for all.

One such man was W. Horace Carter of Tabor City, North Carolina.

On a July night in 1950—thick with heat and the humidity of the Deep South—Horace Carter watched as Ku Klux Klansmen made their violent way through his hometown. One hundred Klansmen, in 29 cars, robbed and terrorized this small community of farmers and merchants with threats of racism.

Although just 29 years old and the new publisher, editor, and newsman for the Tabor City Tribune, Carter knew this was his moment of decision.

He said, "I searched my soul that evening and on into the next week. Was it worth sacrificing our happiness, shattering the tranquil life of running a little newspaper in a small town and taking part in Red Cross Drives, church covered dish suppers, and the Annual Yam Festival promotion just because I believed in a principle? Was it worth the risk that the print shop might be burned, our home dynamited? I could be dragged from our house with the frantic screams of my family ringing in my ears. I might suffer a brutal lashing by a band of masked hoodlums or even death if I dared to oppose them. Is it the time to stand up for principles even before I am fully aware of what this Klan proposes? I didn't want to sound pious or self-righteous, but I reasoned that if I were ever to campaign against this Klan reorganization, I should do it from its inception. That was now. I sat down at my used fifteen-dollar Royal typewriter and with my experienced hunt-and-peck typing style, and I wrote an editorial."

Thus began a 3-year crusade against the Klan in the editorial pages of this small South-eastern North Carolina newspaper. Carter's courage, determination, and words helped in the convictions and prison time for Ku Klux Klansmen. For his conviction of doing the right thing, Mr. Carter catapulted the Tabor City Tribune into national prominence, which received the Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Community Service, the most prestigious of the Pulitzers.

Madam Speaker, Jackie Robinson once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on others' lives."

Although Mr. Robinson did not know W. Horace Carter, there is no doubt that his words were about persons just like him.

Mr. Carter's life has continued to be one of honor, leadership, and service. He was elected Mayor of Tabor City in 1954 and was judge in the weekly city court. He has served as President of the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce, Tabor City Rotary Club, Columbus County Economic Development Commission, County Library Board, Tabor Industrial Development, Inc., Tabor City Recreation Commission, and a Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a World War II Navy

veteran, Mr. Carter and his wife Lucille have three children, Rusty Carter, Linda Carter Metzger, and Velda Carter Hughes.

May God's blessings continue to shine upon this most special man and his enduring legacy.

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HONORING CONGRESSIONAL  
AWARD GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

**HON. TIM MAHONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Congressional Award Gold Medal winners from in and around Florida's 16th Congressional District. I am honored to celebrate the achievements, initiative and service of these exceptional youths. The youths honored earlier today earned the Congressional Award Gold Medals through substantial achievements in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

Earlier today, I had the honor of presenting many of these young men and women with Congressional Award Gold Medals. Earning a Congressional Award Gold Medal requires integrity of character, a strong work ethic, and a drive to succeed. These students have already developed strong leadership skills and have proven that they can achieve any goal they set their mind to. The medalists honored today and all students working to earn a medal should be commended for their hard work and commitment to our community.

Tonight, I congratulate these outstanding Florida youth on their achievement.

Alexandra Campbell, Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Alexandra utilized her love for volleyball to achieve several of her goals, including acting as an assistant volleyball coach and improving her technique.

Elizabeth Davis, Palm Beach Gardens High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Lizzy was a member of her high school's varsity Volleyball, Soccer and Softball teams and will play on the soccer team for the University of Alabama, where she will be a freshman in the fall.

Lauren Dobry, Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Lauren volunteered her time at a local hospital, working full-time during the summers. She also participated in fundraiser events for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Jordan A. Dulcie, Suncoast Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. As a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Jordan participated in the many outreach activities and leadership building opportunities available through his Boy Scout Troop.

Rachel Gossens, The King's Academy, North Palm Beach, FL. Rachel's interest in boating led her to read boating manuals and navigation books and to undertake a 10-day boat trip to the Bahamas.

Lindsey H. Green, Suncoast Community High School, Jupiter, FL. Lindsey dedicated her time to helping others through her local hospital, nursing homes and several health-related volunteer organizations.

Ray Hosaka, Jupiter Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ray's inter-

est in science led him to volunteer his time to the community by monitoring and measuring the water quality in the Loxahatchee River.

Bianca Kahlenberg, South Fork High School, Stuart, FL. Bianca volunteered at the American Red Cross in Martin County.

Christopher Leddy, South Fork High School, Stuart, FL. Chris worked hard for the Martin County Red Cross to complete his hours of community service, enjoying his time so much he joined the Red Cross on a camping trip as his expedition.

Melissa Leddy, South Fork High School, Stuart, FL. Melissa's passion for dance and cheerleading helped her attain her goals. She attended a cheerleading and dance camp and earning a varsity letter for cheerleading.

Andrea Ramos, Stuart, FL. Over the last 4 years, Andrea has given more than 500 hours of voluntary public service to the American Cancer Society.

Devon Rosecan, American Heritage, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. For his expedition, Devon lived with a family on a Navajo reservation for 10 days. He fully participated in the activities of the family and the tribe.

Ryan W. Royce, Suncoast Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ryan spent over 600 hours playing Varsity Football to achieve his physical fitness goal. He used his athletic talent as a youth coach for both football and basketball.

Joseph R. Russo, Jr., Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Joey honed his political skills through his Key Club by running for both FL District Governor and International Trustee.

Andrew Sisko, Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Drew was a Varsity starter in both lacrosse and soccer. He was named an All League "honorable mention" and twice named on the "first team" for lacrosse.

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RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE  
OF NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House is considering today, my resolution H. Con. Res. 148, recognizing the significance of Caribbean-American Heritage month. This resolution acknowledges the contributions of Caribbean-Americans from the inception of our country to the present and it is my hope that my colleagues in the House and the Senate will join me in celebrating this strong, rich history.

Alexander Hamilton, Hazel Scott, Sidney Poitier, Jean Michel Basquiat, Eric Holder, Colin Powell, Edwidge Danticat, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Sidney Ponson, Maryse Condé, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier, Roberto Clemente, Celia Cruz, and former Congressman Mervyn Dymally, are just a few of the many Caribbean-Americans who helped shape American government, politics, business, arts, education, science, and culture, and are joined by modern day figures like Alicia Keys, Lenny Kravitz, Bobby Cannavale,