

Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act. His passionate, moving and eloquent testimony helped spur this House to act on that important legislation, which passed this House in May.

Unfortunately, David passed away on July 1, after fighting to overcome the physical and mental wounds left by his attackers for over a year. In this difficult time for David's family and friends, it is important to remember David's admirable courage, warmth and strength.

I would like to give my condolences to all of David Ray Ritcheson's family, friends and loved ones. I also would like to recognize David's life and everything that he accomplished. I commend my friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for introducing this resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOI
NGUYEN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. I rise today in tribute to Loi Nguyen, respected leader of the Syracuse Vietnamese Community. Sadly, Mr. Nguyen passed away on July 8th, 2007, after a long battle with liver complications.

Mr. Nguyen was a true patriot and an exemplary citizen. He fought valiantly alongside U.S. troops in Vietnam as a battalion commander in the South Vietnamese Army, suffering 10 years in a Communist re-education camp for aiding Americans. Along with other South Vietnamese soldiers who helped the U.S., Mr. Nguyen was allowed to immigrate into the United States, and moved to the Syracuse area in 1990. He began to assist refugees from Vietnam and other Southeast Asian nations in learning to drive, find jobs, learn English, and register to vote. He led the Vietnamese Community of Syracuse and the Vietnamese Veterans, and worked tirelessly to build a sense of community and improve conditions in Syracuse's North Side, where many Vietnamese immigrants live. One of his crowning achievements, Mr. Nguyen was instrumental in the development of the Franciscan Vietnamese Freedom Garden, which will serve as a green space for residents of the North Side, and also as a symbol of community.

Mr. Nguyen's leadership, his patriotism, and his concern for others have benefited his community greatly. He fostered a better understanding and sense of community among many different cultures, and reminded us all of the significance of what many of us take for granted—freedom. Loi Nguyen will be missed, but will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLYDE AND
LINDA ROGERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to an occasion very dear to me. On July 26, 2007, my mother and

father will mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

Linda Lou Perryman and Clyde Gilbert Rogers were wed by a Justice of the Peace on July 26, 1957, in Crown Point, Indiana. When they moved to Alabama my father worked as a firefighter at the Anniston Army Depot for 25 years and my mother took a job as an inspector at Classie Ribbon Company, where she worked for more than 30 years.

I would like to wish my parents a happy anniversary and thank them for all that they have done for me.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 703 on H.R. 3074, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "aye" when I should have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, On rollcall No. 691, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 692, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 693, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 694, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 695, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 696, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 697, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 698, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 699, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 700, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 701, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 702, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 703, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 704, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 705, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 706, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 707, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 708, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall

No. 709, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 710, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 711 I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 712, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 713 I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 714, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 715, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 24, I was unavoidably detained due to family medical matters in California and was not present for a number of rollcall votes on those days.

Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall 687, H.R. 404, the Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 688, H. Res. 553, Mourning the passing of former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson.

"Yea" on rollcall 689, H. Res. 519, Honoring the life and accomplishments of renowned artist Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

"Yea" on rollcall 690, a Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 558.

"Nay" on rollcall 691, an amendment offered by Representative MICA to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 692, an amendment offered by Representative BACHMANN to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 693, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 694, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 695, an amendment offered by Representative CHABOT to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 696, an amendment offered by Representative WESTMORELAND to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 697, an amendment offered by Representative SESSIONS to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 698, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 699, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 700, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 701, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 702, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Yea" on rollcall 703, an amendment offered by Representative HASTINGS (Florida) to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 704, an amendment offered by Representative FRELINGHUYSEN to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 705, an amendment offered by Representative HENSARLING to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 706, an amendment offered by Representative HENSARLING to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 707, an amendment offered by Representative HUNTER to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 708, an amendment offered by Representative JORDAN to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 709, an amendment offered by Representative PRICE (Georgia) to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 710, an amendment offered by Representative MUSGRAVE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 711, an amendment offered by Representative PRICE (Georgia) to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 712, an amendment offered by Representative KING (Iowa) to H.R. 3074.

"Yea" on rollcall 713, an amendment offered by Representative FRANK to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 714, a Motion to Recommit H.R. 3074.

"Yea" on rollcall 715, H.R. 3074, the Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation/HUD Appropriations Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

July 24, 2007

Roll call vote 691, on agreeing to the Mica (FL) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 692, on agreeing to the Bachmann (MN) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 693, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 694, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 695, on agreeing to the Chabot (OH) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 696, on agreeing to the Westmoreland (GA) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 697, on agreeing to the Sessions (TX) amendment—H.R. 3074, the De-

partments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 698, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 699, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 700, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 701, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 702, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 703, on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted nay.

Roll call vote 704, on agreeing to the Frelinghuysen (NJ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted nay.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAND UP EFFORTS OF STAND DOWN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Ventura County Stand Down, which this weekend will mark 15 years of helping homeless veterans combat life on the streets.

During the three-day, two-night Stand Down, veterans will live on the campus of the California Army National Guard Armory in military-style tents erected by the Seabees. They will have access to shower facilities, toiletries, new and used clean clothing, and hot meals each day.

Working in conjunction with dozens of public and private agencies, Stand Down 2007 will provide homeless veterans with a myriad of services such as medical treatment, legal services, prescription lenses, employment counseling and referrals, VA benefits, drug and alcohol counseling, general relief information, transitional housing information, along with a range of other government and social services.

It's a monumental undertaking. Ventura County Stand Down would not be a success—or have even been launched—without the skill and perseverance of Claire Hope, the founder and executive committee chairperson of Ventura County Stand Down. The daughter of a World War II veteran and mother of a veteran of Desert Storm, Claire Hope has a soft heart for veterans and a strong will to help those in need.

She is not alone. About 300 volunteers help each year with the efforts. Another nearly 300 companies, corporations, and non-profit organizations are on board. About 20 service providers take part and 20 committees oversee all aspects of the event, from planning, to execution, to cleanup, to follow-up.

Many of the volunteers have been with Claire since the beginning. While I can't name them all, I would be remiss without noting several key people whose efforts have meant so much to our veterans. They include:

Duane Dammeyer, Public Defender; J. Roger Myers, Legal Counsel; Bob Reeves, Grounds; Hal Nachenberg, VA Benefits and Services; Joseph Narkevitz and Robert Reed, PTSD & Intervention Counseling; Herb Williams, On-Site Activities; Bob Adams, Job Placement; Betty Zamost, Homeless Program VA Administration; Judge John Dobroth, Superior Court; Dr. Cal Farmer, Entertainment/Ambiance; Madeline Lee, Toiletries; Marie Williams, Transportation; Gene Ogden, Adopt-A-Veteran Program; and, Mary Ann Foushee, Social Security Administration.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing the importance of Ventura County Stand Down and in thanking Claire Hope and her myriad of volunteers for their selfless efforts in helping those who served our country and who fell on hard times to have a fighting chance to resume a life of stability and peace. It's a yeoman's effort, and one worth undertaking.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3074, the FY2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act.

This legislation includes funding for many valuable programs including \$1.4 billion for Amtrak, which serves as a critical transportation link not only for my constituents, but for people across the country.

I especially want to thank Chairman OLVER for the funding in the bill for the Second Avenue Subway. The President's budget request included funding for the Second Avenue Subway, which will be vital to commuters throughout the region and for thousands of tourists