

"Aye" on Passage, Objections of the President Not Withstanding, of the Water Resources Development Act (rollcall No. 1040)

"Aye" on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces. (rollcall No. 1041)

"Aye" on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act (rollcall No. 1042)

"Nay" on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to Kids in Disasters Wellbeing, Safety, and Health Act of 2007 (rollcall No. 1043)

"Nay" on Will the House now consider the resolution providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies. (rollcall No. 1044)

"Aye" on Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Improving Head Start Act (rollcall No. 1045)

"Aye" on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended, to Congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France. (rollcall No. 1046)

"Nay" on Ordering the Previous Question Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies. (rollcall No. 1047)

"Nay" on Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies. (rollcall No. 1048)

"Aye" on Motion to Adjourn (rollcall No. 1049)

"Nay" on Agreeing to the Conference Report Making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (rollcall No. 1050)

"Aye" on Motion to Adjourn (rollcall No. 1051)

"Nay" on Ordering the Previous Question Providing for consideration of H.R. 3685, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. (rollcall No. 1052)

"Nay" on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 3685, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. (rollcall No. 1053)

"Aye" on Agreeing to the Amendment of Rep. GEORGE MILLER (rollcall No. 1054)

"Aye" on Agreeing to the Amendment of Rep. MARK SOUDER (rollcall No. 1055)

"Aye" on Motion to Recommit with Instructions the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (rollcall No. 1056)

"Nay" on Passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (rollcall No. 1057)

"Aye" on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended, to recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino. (rollcall No. 1058)

"Aye" on motion to Instruct Conferees on Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2008 (rollcall No. 1076)

"Nay" on Ordering the Previous Question for Providing for the consideration of H.R.

3996, Temporary Tax Relief Act (rollcall No. 1077)

"Nay" on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 3996, Temporary Tax Relief Act (rollcall No. 1078)

"Nay" on Approving the Journal (rollcall No. 1079)

"Aye" on Motion to Adjourn (rollcall No. 1080)

"Nay" on Passage of the Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007 (rollcall No. 1081)

IN MEMORIAL OF SHERIFF JOHN
HAYWOOD BAKER, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Sheriff John Haywood Baker, Jr., who died October 31, 2007. In his passing I lost a good friend, and North Carolina lost one of its most outstanding citizens and a man who was instrumental in his community, county, and State.

A native son of Raleigh, North Carolina, Sheriff Baker was known for his larger-than-life, 6-foot-7 stature and booming voice. John became the first black sheriff in North Carolina since Reconstruction and held the office from 1978 until 2002. During his 24 years as Sheriff he helped create the John H. Baker Jr. Charter School. This school allows young jailed offenders to get an education. John wasn't the only law enforcement officer in the family as the son of the late Lousie S. Baker and John H. Baker, Sr. John, Sr. was the first African American police officer in the city of Raleigh. At an early age John was taught to have compassion, gentleness, sensitivity for others. These were life skills that he carried with him throughout his life.

John grew up in the Oberlin community of Raleigh and attended Ligon High School. He graduated from North Carolina Central University in 1958. That same year, he was drafted 56th overall by the Los Angeles Rams. Over the next 11 years, the defensive end/defensive tackle went on to play for the Philadelphia Eagles, Pittsburgh Steelers, and Detroit Lions. While playing in the NFL, John displayed his leadership abilities. He was named defensive captain of the Pittsburgh Steelers, MVP of the team, and selected as a NFL All-Star. He was inducted into the North Carolina Hall of Fame, in 1972, for one of the most defining moments of his career. While a Pittsburgh Steeler John tackled football legend Y.A. Tittle, quarterback of the New York Giants, leaving him bloody and battered in the end zone. The tackle is the subject of a famous picture that became part of sports history.

In the off season, John would work with the Raleigh Police Department as a youth counselor. When he retired from the NFL, he became the first black man appointed to the North Carolina State Parole Board, as the Associate Director for Training and Standards Council. He was also an Administrative Aide to U.S. Senator Robert Morgan. John was a member of several organizations; he was a life member of the NAACP, a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, just to name a few. John leaves to cherish his memory a

devoted wife of forty-eight years, Juanita H. Baker, his two children Jonnita B. Williams, John H. Baker, III, and his Goddaughter Ada H. Roach.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff John H. Baker had a commitment to excellence in everything he did, and he had a way of bringing out excellence in everyone around him. He was a respected and a successful dedicated public servant, and a great North Carolinian. It is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1056, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 3685, I was not present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO WALTER M. DUZZNY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter M. Duzzny. Walter, who has served as the Director of Mahoning County Emergency Management and Communications for 25 years, is retiring at the end of this month.

Walter Duzzny has dedicated over thirty-four years to public service. He began his career in Emergency Management and has made great contributions to the field ever since. As the first Director of the Disaster Services and Preparedness Agency, Walter influenced the Agency to adopt an "all-hazards" concept, which resulted in the development of a County HazMat team and Safety Service and Support Centers. Thanks to Walter's hard work and dedication toward the Agency, Mahoning County has the proper tools to implement preparatory, response, and recovery strategies in the event of an emergency.

Walter has contributed to Mahoning County in more ways than one. He has remained an active member of the community through his participation in several organizations. As a retired Army Reserve Colonel, Walter serves as the President of the local chapter of the National Reserve Officers Association. He also serves on the Board of St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church and remains a member of several other organizations.

Walter's accomplishments have positively impacted Emergency Management on local and national levels. His innovative drive and valuable contributions will be greatly missed.

I wish Walter all the best in his retirement.

HONORING CENTRAL VALLEY
SAFETY SOCIETY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Central Valley Safety

Society for their commitment to serving the Central Valley.

The Central Valley Safety Society, CVSS, was created as a non-profit organization in 1996 to provide safety and human resource professionals with a place to exchange ideas and information, for the professional enhancement of members and to recognize those who excel in safety and health. CVSS is based in the Central Valley and is the only group of its kind from Los Angeles to Modesto. The long time organizational members include; Pelco, Rich Products, The Fresno bee, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, Fresno County EOC and Clovis Cemetery District.

CVSS holds nine monthly luncheon meetings in downtown Fresno. Typically, there are twenty to thirty members present to discuss topics that cover a range of issues from Heat Illness Protection, Hazardous Materials and Health and Wellness Programs. The speakers are typically volunteers from the community. Over the past eight years, the organization has partnered with similar organizations in the Fresno area, such as; Ag Safe, Human Resource Association of Central California, Fresno County Employer Advisory Council and California State University SHRM Student Chapter. CVSS has partnered with these and other organizations to plan and participate in a half-day human resource and safety seminar and it is held annually in October.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Central Valley Safety Society for their commitment to serving the Central Valley. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the organization many years of continued success.

HONORING LA'VERA ETHRIDGE-WILLIAMS, AS THE 2007 TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS HONOREE BY THE WEST FRESNO HEALTHCARE COALITION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate La'Vera Ethridge-Williams of Fresno, California, for being named a 2007 Honoree at the West Fresno Healthcare Coalition's Tribute to Health Champions reception. As a principal advocate for childcare in Fresno County, La'Vera is a woman of great vision, and is certainly most deserving of this honor.

Born in Boley, Oklahoma, La'Vera moved to Fresno, where she attended Fresno City College, and then California State University, Fresno. Recognizing the need for a child care facility in West Fresno she submitted a proposal to the California Department of Health and Welfare. After 4 long years, her dream became a reality when her first private child care center designed specifically for infants was inaugurated.

La'Vera opened a chain of daycare centers geared to the education of young children, providing not only a service to the community, but also employment opportunities for West Fresno residents. Mrs. Ethridge-Williams' emphasis has always been on the health, nutrition, and education of children. Her involve-

ment in the health arena has also led her to become one of the founding members of the Sickle Cell Support Group in Fresno, California.

La'Vera Ethridge Williams is a woman of great principle and integrity. She is a role model for all of us, especially those in the childcare industry. I have known La'Vera and her family for years and know they care deeply and contribute daily to make our Valley a better place to live. It is with great pride that I congratulate her for all that she does on behalf of the West Fresno community and for receiving this distinguished award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, November 8, 2007, I was unable to be present in the Capitol due to the death of a family member and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 1060 through 1067. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 1060, on H.R. 3688, the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, I would have voted "nay." I believe the Peru Free Trade Agreement, FTA, is another fundamentally flawed trade agreement. I oppose this FTA because it includes many of the same provisions from the original NAFTA that left workers terribly unprotected, led to the outsourcing of millions of U.S. jobs, and allowed companies to ignore environmental protections here and abroad that are vital to people's health and safety. It's going to hurt workers here and in Peru. I regret that I was unable to be here, due to the devastating loss of a beloved family member, to cast a vote against it.

On rollcall votes Nos. 1061, 1062, 1063, and 1064, the procedural votes on the Rule for Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 3222, the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, as well as the Conference Report itself, I would have voted "aye." As a member of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense and therefore, a Conferee on this bill, I voted for it in Conference and strongly support this critical bill that enhances America's security by providing our service men and women with the tools they need to protect our Nation today and giving them the resources and weapons systems they need to fight the threats of tomorrow. This measure also invests in our military personnel by affording them comprehensive health care and ensuring that our wounded warriors are treated with the dignity that they deserve. Had I been present during the consideration of this bill, I would have voted "aye" on both of these measures with great pleasure and pride.

On rollcall votes Nos. 1065 and 1066, which were procedural votes on the Rule for H.R. 3355, the Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007, I would have voted "aye." This bill will improve New Jersey citizens' ability to secure homeowners' insurance, as well as recover from flood or hurricane damage.

On rollcall vote No. 1067, the Motion to instruct Conferees for the Transportation, and

Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2008, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 32 HONOREES OF THE WEST PALM BEACH URBAN LEAGUE DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY NOVEMBER 9, 2007

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of 32 exceptional young people who will be honored tomorrow by the West Palm Beach National Urban League for their acceptance into the National Achievers Society. Their accomplishments are evidence that the will to succeed endures in spite of continued prejudice, discrimination, and a public education system that historically and presently places many young minorities at a disadvantage in the classroom and beyond.

The achievements of these young people and the establishment of the National Achievers Society Program are both worthy of Congressional recognition. It is with great pleasure that I recognize the following young men and women for their drive and for setting a hopeful and positive example for our country and their community:

Shauna-Kay Nation; Tatiana Virginia; Demetri Virginia; Reginald Walker; Valeana Andre; Rose D'Haiti; Ilesha Brutton; Mecarra Easley; Lucianne Gabriel; Chandra Fulwood; Miranda Renald; Regine Hill; Christina Taylor; Jasmine McGee; Brandon Coombs; Mariah Lewis; Thomas Coates III; Aikeyah Williams; Devondrea Edwards; Antonio Taylor; Marcus Sutton; Gabrielle Alexandre; Natasha Juggar; Seon Lewis; Devin Williamson; Khasara Lewis; Arrienne Morrison; Trevor Thomas; Briana Thomas; Charlene Vieira; Marissa Richards; and Regis Frazier.

The National Achievers Society was founded by community leaders who developed an aggressive national response to the educational and developmental crisis facing young people of color in our country. The authors of this program provided children in grades 3-12 with the opportunity to begin and continue their road to excellence by giving them the resources to achieve in the arts, humanities and sciences.

By supporting adults and young people in the development of the next generation of leaders, the National Young Achievers Society ensures that a child's dream to succeed is able to materialize through hard work and dedication. I have always believed that we must invest in young people if we want to be a strong force on the domestic and international stage in the future. These 32 young men and women are evidence of the remarkable reward that ensues when quality programs and dedicated individuals nurture the minds and spirits of our Nation's most precious resource. Indeed, they are worthy of the recognition and congratulation of the U.S. House of Representatives.