

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, in order to attend a funeral in my congressional district, I missed 17 votes on March 5 and March 6.

Had I been present I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 91, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, to redesignate Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park in the State of Ohio as "Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park", and for other purposes;

"Yea" on rollcall 92, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008;

"Yea" on rollcall 93, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes;

"Yea" on rollcall 94, Will the House Now Consider the Resolution, Providing for the consideration of H.R. 1014, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act;

"Yea" on rollcall 95, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for the consideration of H.R. 1014, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act,

"Yea" on rollcall 96, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for the consideration of H.R. 1014, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act;

"Yea" on rollcall 97, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building;

"Yea" on rollcall 98, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago;

"Yea" on rollcall 99, On motion to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair;

"Nay" on rollcall 100, Motion to Recommit H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act,

"Yea" on rollcall 101, Final Passage of H.R. 1424—Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007;

"Yea" on rollcall 102, H.R. 5400—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building;

"Yea" on rollcall 103, H. Res 1015—Democratic Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H.R. 2857—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act;

"Yea" on rollcall 104, H. Res 1015—On Agreeing to the Resolution—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act;

"Nay" on rollcall 105, on agreeing to the Flake amendment, H.R. 2857, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act;

"Yea" on rollcall 106, on agreeing to the Inslee amendment, H.R. 2857, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act; and

"Yea" on rollcall 107, Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair.

IN HONOR OF THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps and to commemorate the National Peace Corps Week from February 25–March 3, 2008. During the National Peace Corps week, many celebratory and educational events which acknowledge and honor the Peace Corps will take place across the country.

The Peace Corps is an independent Federal agency that was established by Executive order on March 1, 1961, by President John F. Kennedy. The Peace Corps currently actively deploys 8,079 volunteers at 68 posts serving 74 countries abroad to work with governments, businesses, nonprofit organizations, NGOs, and schools to address issue areas of concern such as education, health, HIV/AIDS, agriculture, and the environment. Since 1961, more than 190,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries.

The Peace Corps mission seeks to, "Help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women." The Peace Corps also, "Helps to promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served," and "to promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans." The mission of the Peace Corps reminds us all as President John F. Kennedy said in his 1961 inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

I would like to personally recognize Kyan Chuong, Austine L. Clark, David E. Horton, III, Alexander M. Kelly, Laszlo L. Liezkovsky, Nora C. Maresh, Sarah J. Mulligan, Allison N. O'Donnell, Randall M. Quinn, and Hana S. Schein all of whom are sworn-in volunteers serving in various countries abroad with the Peace Corps from the 11th Congressional District of Ohio. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, I would like to express gratitude to the 8,079 current Peace Corps volunteers and trainees serving our country and congratulate the Peace Corps on its 47th anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL "TO AMEND TITLE 11, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICIAL CODE, TO IMPLEMENT THE INCREASE PROVIDED UNDER THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008, IN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, a core element of our unique democracy is the

right and requirement that all citizens, regardless of income or socio-economic class be afforded adequate counsel or representation when confronting judicial proceedings. In fact, one of the most important decisions in this area of law was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1942 when it held that the sixth amendment required that governments afford indigent defendants with competent counsel.

Throughout America, legal representation for indigent defendants who have been charged in criminal cases and who are unable to pay for an attorney is most commonly provided by public defender attorneys. The State and Federal Government, respectively, pay for the public defender agencies to provide indigent defense. Appointed attorneys are required for anyone accused in a criminal case that may result in the likelihood of imprisonment.

An examination of the public defender services in the DC courts reveals that attorneys who participate in the District's Criminal Justice Act, CJA, and Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect, CCAN, programs are compensated at an hourly rate of \$65 for representing an indigent client. This rate was established in fiscal year 2002 and financed through an unobligated balance in the Defender Services account. However, attorneys representing indigent defendants in similar matters at the U.S. District Court are paid \$90 an hour. This increasing disparity in compensation makes it increasingly difficult for the DC courts to secure competent representation for the most vulnerable residents. Recent reforms to the CJA and CCAN programs, including revision of the CJA plan and the creation of attorney panels based on a comprehensive review of qualifications and experience, has prompted the DC courts to pursue an increase in compensation for CJA and CCAN attorneys in order to ensure they are attracting the best and the brightest lawyers.

Since the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 grants Congress the authority and oversight over the DC court system and matters pertaining to public defender services, I contend that it is essential that we take the necessary legislative action to ensure that DC CJA attorneys are compensated at a rate equal or close to that of their Federal counterparts. This bill would do just that by amending title 11 of DC Code to increase the hourly rate of pay from \$65 to \$80 for DC CJA attorneys charged with the important democratic duty of representing the indigent.

RECOGNIZING NANCY KANJORSKI AS THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize my wife, Nancy Kanjorski, for her dedication and outstanding work with the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women. As her husband, I could not be more proud to

note that her peers recognized her efforts in support of Democratic candidates and policies by naming her the organization's Woman of the Year for 2008.

Nancy was born in Apopka, Florida, to Norman and Margaret Hickerson. She graduated from the University of Florida. We met while I was visiting Florida and we then married in 1962.

Nancy and I moved to Pennsylvania, where she taught school in Carlisle and Wyoming Valley.

Over the course of our time living in Pennsylvania, Nancy has always played an active role in my campaigns and many other Democratic campaigns. She constantly participated behind the scenes in grassroots efforts, from setting up phone banks to organizing literature drops. She has always been willing to help with any aspect of the campaign to make it run more smoothly. It is for her dedication, care, attention to detail, and many other reasons that Nancy will receive the award of Woman of the Year from the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

Nancy has also been a member of various community organizations and boards. Among these, she was a particularly active member of the Lawyers' Wives Association, where she chaired multiple committees. Nancy has also been an avid tennis player.

Nancy is an essential part of our family, always willing to assist family members, from aiding those during times of illness to gladly babysitting our nephews and nieces.

We have one daughter, Nancy Kanjorski Bradley, Ph.D., who is married to Chris Bradley, Ph.D. They live in New Mexico.

On March 8, 2008, Nancy will receive the award of Woman of the Year at a brunch hosted by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women. The members of the organization elect the person to receive this award who they feel has done an outstanding job as a Democratic leader in the community.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge that Nancy has continuously given all that she can to help the Democratic Party. She has always been an active, devoted, and vital part of my campaigns, not just an essential component of the team for my staff, but of course for me as well. I am incredibly proud that she will receive this award, as it is very much deserved.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Nancy Kanjorski for her award of Democratic Woman of the Year from the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

TRIBUTE TO HANNELORE BROWN

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hannelore Brown, my constituent in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. Hannelore is an active school volunteer whose children attend Leawood Elementary School, Leawood Middle School, and Blue Valley North, in the Blue Valley School District.

About 5 years ago, Hannelore organized a campaign to urge Leawood's elementary

schoolchildren to write Kansas servicemen and women stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. That campaign has since expanded into the middle school and the high school, and teachers have incorporated the letter writing into their lesson plans. Thousands and thousands of letters have been sent, thanks to her efforts. Artwork, posters, and Girl Scout cookies have also been mailed. Many, many soldiers have written back to the schoolchildren, and have emailed photos of themselves with the items sent by the schools. Other soldiers have visited the school when they returned home, to thank their new pen pals for the mail and caring sent to lonely troops on foreign soil.

Hannelore has also organized an annual patriotic school assembly to honor servicemen and women and veterans. Every year, she gathers uniforms, memorabilia, and other artifacts, to create museum-style exhibits. On Friday, March 28, 2008, the fourth such assembly is set for Leawood Elementary School, to be preceded by a breakfast honoring servicemen, -women, and their families, again organized by Hannelore Brown.

With Hannelore's help, Leawood Middle School has published a book of letters sent to and from the soldiers. It comes as no surprise to learn that Hannelore Brown has also assisted the school in its annual Veterans Day observance every fall.

On behalf of the thousands of lonely troops stationed overseas, I want to thank Hannelore for all she has done to help them. In turn, these personal connections have instilled a true sense of patriotism in all those involved, and have given students, parents, and staff a new appreciation for the service and dedication of these soldiers. One person can make a difference in the lives of many others, and Hannelore Brown is the perfect example.

TRIBUTE TO VETERAN AND LAWMAKER BOBBY G. WOOD

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to recognize retired Brigadier General and former State Representative Bobby G. Wood. Wood's service to his country may have begun as a Korean war veteran, but his civic contributions continued for decades. His recent death was a great loss to his community, his State and this Nation.

Bobby G. Wood was born March 19, 1931, in Lake City to Gaines E. and Hallie Bob Wood. He was a 1949 graduate of Lake City High School and graduated from Arkansas State University in 1953 with a degree in business administration.

Upon graduation from ASU, Wood was awarded an Army ROTC commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the corps of artillery. During his 33-year tenure in the Army National Guard, he served on active duty in the Korean war, attained the rank of brigadier general, served as the commander of the 875th Engineer Battalion, and was the Arkansas Assistant State Adjutant General.

In addition to his outstanding military career, Wood represented Craighead County for 20 years in the Arkansas State House of Rep-

resentatives. Wood was a charter member of the Northeast Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, serving as president for 2 years. He was inducted into the ASU ROTC Hall of Heroes and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the ASU Alumnus Association in 2007. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro and served as a church deacon.

Woods was business manager and part owner of Delta Gas & Oil and Delta Farms, Inc. of Lake City.

On behalf of Congress, I extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Wood's family and gratitude for the countless hours he spent serving others. He leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment, but it was his dedication to give back to the community that deserves recognition. Wood was a devout family man and a distinguished Arkansan, and I am honored to recognize him today in the United States Congress. His friendship will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, on March 5, 2008, I missed rollcall vote No. 98. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 98.

THIRD ANNUAL "ARNIE DWORKIS MEMORIAL" DIALYSIS AWARE- NESS WALK

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Annual Arnie Dworkis Memorial Dialysis Awareness Walk, taking place this Sunday, March 9, 2008. The Sunset Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills has organized this wonderful and exciting event for the third year running.

I would particularly like to honor Edward Stizza and Susan Obst-Dworkis for coordinating this annual event, and for their efforts and activities to educate the community about chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. The proceeds from the Arnie Dworkis Memorial Dialysis Awareness Walk will benefit the Dialysis Patient Citizens Group, which was founded by Mr. Stizza and his friend and fellow dialysis patient, Arnie Dworkis. After Arnie passed away in 2005, Mr. Stizza established the walk to honor the life of his friend. I am glad to say that by making this tribute, Mr. Stizza and Ms. Susan Obst Dworkis have educated thousands of people about this disease.

Currently, one in nine American adults will be affected by chronic kidney disease. More than 20 million Americans are personally suffering from the disease, which, if left untreated, can lead to end stage renal disease. With the assistance of Mr. Stizza and Ms. Obst-Dworkis, we can raise the public awareness of this debilitating disease, and the plight of the more than 400,000 Americans who are on kidney dialysis today.