

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted the following: rollcall No. 790—"yes"; rollcall No. 791—"yes"; and rollcall No. 792—"yes."

BECKY FAST HONORED AS "SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR" BY KANSAS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, since I took office in January, 1999, Becky Fast has worked as my constituent services director. My office has prided itself on a high level of constituent services, and for that Becky deserves much of the credit. I am proud and happy to announce that last Thursday, Becky was honored as "Social Worker of the Year" by the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Vicki Arnett, LSCSW and the Chair of the Chapter LINC committee presented the award at the 62nd MoKan Clinical Institute in Overland Park (Ritz Charles) on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Kansas Chapter, National Association of Social Workers represents the practice and profession of social work in Kansas. The event was a two day intensive training on familial sexual abuse with Michael Boniello, LSCSW and difficult ethical problems in social work with Frederic Reamer, Ph.D., of Rhode Island.

Although I was in Washington for scheduled votes, I was pleased to learn that Becky's father drove from Minnesota to Kansas to see her receive the award. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Becky, and am honored to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the remarks made by Vicki Arnett when she introduced Becky as the recipient of the 2009 Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Work "Social Worker of the Year":

Becky Fast originally was trained as a teacher. Through that work she found that many students and their families needed individual assistance through difficult circumstances. Becky went back to school and became a social worker. Since then, she has been working in different capacities to help improve services to many individuals. Her early work has included authoring several chapters in a book on serving the aged population as well as service manuals to implement such programs. She taught social policy for many years and helped bring attention to the importance of everyday advocacy in the political arena.

Becky practices Political Social Work. She has been the Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Dennis Moore since his victory in 1998. She is one of just a few social workers across the country to hold such a position. She has built the constituents program with a focus on applying social work values and skills to assisting people calling for help with federal programs. Her program

serves as a model for other congressional offices and Becky willingly shares her knowledge. Over the years, Becky has mentored many social work interns and taught them the importance of listening to caller concerns and responding in a helpful way. She is constantly making connections to individuals and the community by establishing access to the Congressman and helping to suggest ways to solve problems.

Becky has taken advantage of her ability to connect to people to promote social workers and the profession. For example, she had several conversations with then Governor Sebelius and they spoke about social work and delivering care to people. She was able to mention social work to President Clinton, and she facilitated a meeting with the Attorney General on social work safety. Many of the current Kansas State legislators keep social work on their mind because of Becky talking to them.

Most recently, after physical threats to the congressional office, and the town hall meetings had to be canceled for safety reasons, she was still preparing materials and was generous in giving time and attention to people expressing anger and frustration. She does not lose her cool in such situations. Becky was instrumental in securing federal funding to support the Teri Mathis Zenner Safety First conference in October. Becky was one of the original presenters for Dr. Nancy Humphreys Campaign School in Connecticut.

Becky has served as the Kansas Chapter, PACE Chair for several election cycles, served as the Treasurer on the Chapter Board of Directors and now serves as the Region Ten Representative on the National Board of Directors of NASW. She serves on a variety of committees and work groups and in the Kansas City area. Becky is well known across Kansas and everyone knows she is a social worker because she proudly states, "I am a social worker" as she does her work. Congratulations Becky for a well-earned and well-deserved recognition of the excellence you bring to the social work profession.

HONORING DR. JOHN WATERS**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John Waters as he steps down as the President of the Genesee County Medical Society. Dr. Waters will be honored at the annual Presidents' Ball on November 7th in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Dr. Waters became interested in a medical career at the age of 7. He was injured in an automobile accident and was hospitalized for a long time. Because of the care and compassion of his hometown physician, Dr. Waters decided to become a doctor. He earned a B.A. in psychology and a B.S. in biology from Quincy College. After graduating from Northwestern University Medical School he completed his residency at the University of Louisville, Department of Ophthalmology.

In addition to his medical practice at Complete Eye Care, he is a principal in the Surgery Center. Active in the community, Dr. Waters treats patients through the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic and works with the Greater Flint Health Coalition. He has provided free glaucoma and diabetic eye screenings in conjunction with FACED's Dia-

betic Sunday at area churches. He participated in Cover the Uninsured Week and Complete Eye Care received the "Community Caring Award" from Health Access.

Involved with the Genesee County Medical Society, he has served on the Board since 2000 and is a member of the Finance Committee. He also serves as part of the Genesee County delegation to the Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates. His philosophy about being a doctor is: "I went into medicine because of what someone did for me. We who are physicians should do the same for our patients. If we do what is right for them everything will fall into place for us." Dr. Waters and his wife, Meg, have two children, JT and Elizabeth.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Dr. John Waters. I commend him for his dedication to treating and healing his patients and I wish him many, many more years working for better health in our community.

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HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 22, I was unfortunately delayed reaching the floor and unable to cast my vote on the first two recorded votes of the day.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 798, and "yes" on rollcall vote 799.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OSTEOPOROSIS EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation, the Osteoporosis Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2009, along with my friend and colleague from West Virginia, Congresswoman SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO.

The Osteoporosis Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2009 will require private insurance plans to cover bone density testing for individuals most likely to develop osteoporosis. This bill will ensure that the individuals most likely to develop the disease will have access to screening tests, which could both improve health outcomes and save significant amounts of money.

Forty-four million Americans either suffer from osteoporosis or are at risk of developing it. One of every two American women and one of four American men, aged 50 or older, will suffer a bone fracture because of osteoporosis. This means that osteoporosis causes 1.5 million broken bones every year.

Osteoporosis has no symptoms and cannot be detected by an ordinary X-ray until 25 to 40 percent of bone mass has already been lost. As bone mass decreases, the risk of fractures increases exponentially. The disease is usually not diagnosed until a fracture occurs—but

by then, the disease is so advanced that another fracture is extremely likely.

While there is currently no cure for osteoporosis, there are effective and inexpensive techniques both to detect and prevent. A bone density screening is non-invasive, painless, and reliable. If osteoporosis is diagnosed early, drug therapy can reduce the risk of hip and spine fractures by 50 percent. The screening test costs, on average, between \$59 and \$300—compared to the more than \$35,000 it would cost to repair a hip fracture.

I believe that when we can improve health and save money at the same time, we should do just that. By requiring private health insurance plans to cover bone density screenings for the men and women who are most at risk for osteoporosis, we can prevent millions of painful hard-to-treat, costly, and completely unnecessary injuries.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF FLOYDADA, TX

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the City of Floydada, TX, on the occasion of its centennial celebration. This 100 year milestone was commemorated by the dedication of the "Centennial Plaza" on October 2, 2009.

Floydada was officially incorporated in October 1909 with a population of approximately 500. In 1910, the Santa Fe Railroad arrived in town, sparking the growth and development of this community. Floydada has seen great changes over the past years from the building of new public facilities and fire stations to meeting the challenges of hard times in the 1930s.

Throughout its 100-year history, farming and ranching, as well as a sense of community and fellowship, have sustained Floydada.

Today, the Floydada community remains a stronghold for agriculture and authentic country living and has earned the title of "Pumpkin Capital of the U.S."

I am proud to recognize Floydada, the P.R.I.D.E. Committee, the Centennial Committee and over 4,000 residents of the city on the 100th anniversary of their wonderful community.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BETTY J. WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a tireless leader in the community.

Born and raised in South Carolina, Betty Williams began her educational pursuits at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She then received her law degree from New York Law School. Always one to know the true importance of education, Ms. Williams obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University.

Betty Williams was elected to Kings County, Brooklyn Civil Court in November of 2000. On March 31, 2009, Justice Williams as appointed Acting Supreme Court Justice by the Chief Administrative Judge of New York State, Ann Pfau. She continues to preside over the Misdemeanor Brooklyn Treatment Center, affording long-term substance abusers the opportunity to receive treatment instead of incarceration.

Justice Williams serves in various capacities as Co-Chairperson of the National Association of Women's Judges (NAWJ) Women in Prison Committee, attending the NAWJ's Fourth Annual Meeting with the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and National Women Leaders of the Judiciary, Chairperson of the New York State Chapter of the NAWJ Legislative Subcommittee and the past chairperson of the Chapter's Women in Prison Committee. Justice Williams is also a board member of the Downtown Brooklyn Waterfront Local Development Corporation, the Community Advisory Board of the Bayview Correctional Facility, and the New York Chapter of the NAWJ.

Justice Williams is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the Brooklyn Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Kings County Criminal Bar Association, the Judicial Friends, the World Community of Social Workers, Church Women United, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the St. Paul Community Baptist Church.

In recognition of her loyalty and service, Justice Williams has received numerous awards, including the National Sojourner Truth Meritorious Service Award, the Whitney M. Young Jr. Equal Justice for Children Service Award, the New York City Department of Education Leadership Award, the New York Law School Black Students Association Outstanding Achievement Award, and the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association's Julia S. Brook Achievement Award. Justice Williams was also the first woman in New York State to be awarded the Abraham Markoff Scholarship Award from the New York State Bar Association Workmen's Compensation Division.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this selfless and faithful public servant, Honorable Betty J. Williams.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, on October 20, 2009, I missed the following rollcall votes due to a longstanding commitment away from Washington:

1. Rollcall vote No. 790, H.R. 3763, To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses;

2. Rollcall vote No. 791, H.R. 3319, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gullwing Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building";

3. Rollcall vote No. 792, H. Res. 558, Supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing ca-

reers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week.

If present, I would have voted "aye" on all matters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 772 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3689); "aye" on rollcall vote No. 773 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3476); and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 774 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 659).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the Chamber on October 15, 2009 because I was in my district with Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood reviewing an important community investment. On rollcall Nos. 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, and 789, had I been present, I would have voted "yea," and "no" on 783.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act for technical reasons. I introduced this bill a month after the heartbreaking collision of two Red Line Metro trains here in the District of Columbia that took the lives of 9 area residents, 7 from the District, including a local hero, Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. I originally had introduced the District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act in May of this year, but after the Metro tragedy I said at the Wherleys' memorial service that I would rename this bill in honor of General Wherley, who not only served his country all his adult life and never forgot the men and women who served under him at home or at war, but was particularly attentive to the residents of the District of Columbia, especially the city's most troubled youth. Thereafter, Congressman José