

Rollcall No. 378, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 1407, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 17, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for Rollcall No. 372. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 372: "yes"—Cao of Louisiana Amendment.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Caribbean-American Heritage Month and the contributions of Caribbean-Americans to this Nation. Since 2006, the United States has celebrated the rich and diverse history of Caribbean-American peoples and the many successes of Caribbean-Americans during the month of June.

Parallels have often been drawn between the history of the United States and that of Caribbean nations. Like America, Caribbean nations saw the need to resist tyrannical European leadership and create new democracies.

The first Caribbean immigrants came to America in 1619 as indentured servants in Jamestown, and since then have played an increasingly large role in American society and in the lives of Americans. Since 1820, millions of people have immigrated to the United States from the Caribbean region, and now Americans of Caribbean descent reside in all fifty states of the Union.

Since our Nation's inception, Caribbean-Americans have played important roles in every aspect of American life. Alexander Hamilton, a founding father and the first Secretary of the Treasury, was a Caribbean immigrant. Other notable Caribbean-Americans include Colin Powell, a former four-star general and Secretary of State, Shirley Chisholm, the first black candidate for president and the first woman to run for the Democratic nomination, Eric Holder, the current Attorney General, Sydney Poitier, the first African-American to win the Academy Award for best actor, and Stokely Carmichael, a black power activist.

Throughout the years, Caribbean-American culture has become engrained in American society, but has managed to remain distinct and unique. Caribbean-American music, language, literature, film, food, festivals, and culture are enjoyed by all Americans.

Without a doubt, the influence of Caribbean-Americans on American culture has been great.

I respect and admire all that Caribbean-Americans have done for the United States in the past and in the present, and I look forward

to the continued flourishing of Caribbean-American culture.

IN HONOR OF JEFFREY POTTER

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Jeffrey Potter and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 58.

Born on June 15, 1952, Jeff Potter dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Jeff retired from Ford Motor Company after 30 years of employment. Jeff loved his community and his community loved him.

Jeff was elected to the South Lyon City Council in November 1987 serving until November 1989 when he was elected mayor of South Lyon, serving 13 years until being elected to serve on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. During his tenure on the Oakland County Commission, Mr. Potter chaired the public services committee and served on the general government and finance committees. He hoped to continue to represent the constituents of Oakland County's 8th district by retaining his seat this fall. Jeff also served as a Member/Delegate to SEMCOG and was a member of the Oakland County Library Board.

Jeffrey Potter was an active proponent of community partnerships, hoping to reduce the cost of government while adding to Oakland County's quality of life. He was an organizer and founding community sponsor of the Huron Valley Trail System, which connects many Oakland communities and area parks. Jeff Potter authored a Strategic Land Acquisition project in an effort to preserve land for "green space" and future parks. As then-Mayor Potter, Jeff was honored with the Distinguished Leadership in Joint Public Services Award, 1998, and Outstanding Project Award, 1998, for southeastern Michigan.

Regrettably, on June 21, 2010, Jeffrey Potter passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Andra, his sons, Michael and Daniel and his daughter, Jessica. A courageous and honorable man, Jeff will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Jeff will be long remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, a leader, and a friend. Jeff was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Jeff farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to inform the House that on Saturday,

May 22, 2010, the Wellington-Napoleon High School Tigers boys track and field team became the 2010 Missouri Class 1 High School State Champions.

The Tigers competed in a field of more than 120 teams throughout the state of Missouri. The hard work and dedication that these young men displayed throughout the season was rewarded with their high school's first track and field championship in 19 years. This is a truly remarkable achievement, and I am so very proud of these young men and their selfless coaches.

Members of the team include: Ethan Arndt, Nathan Arndt, Cody Banner, Blaine Beissenherz, Christian Bryant, Taylor Bryant, Johnny Good, Brandon Niendick, Dylan Register, Blake Seitz, Dustin Seitz, Michael Strickler, Brian Wallman, Cody Willard, and Michael Woodall. The team was coached by Quenton Bainbridge, Michelle McKown, and Tristan Layman.

Madam Speaker, the members of the Wellington-Napoleon High School Tigers track and field team have distinguished themselves as the 2010 Missouri Class 1 High School Track and Field State Champions. I am sure that my colleagues will join me in wishing Coaches Bainbridge, McKown, and Layman and this remarkable team all the best.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF CLERK JOANN HEDRICK

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I take the opportunity today to recognize the career and accomplishments of the retiring Chief Clerk of the Delaware House of Representatives, JoAnn Hedrick. Ms. Hedrick has provided three decades of invaluable service to Delaware's General Assembly and her presence will be greatly missed.

JoAnn has served my home state of Delaware with dedication and grace. Since starting in the House Republican Caucus in 1979, she has shown the utmost devotion to the General Assembly. JoAnn has held the position of Chief Clerk for more than 25 years and has always put the needs of the Legislature first. She is known for going above and beyond the call of duty, willing to work late hours and lend a hand when necessary.

In 2005, in recognition of her commitment to and outstanding efforts in the General Assembly, JoAnn was honored with the National Conference of State Legislatures' prestigious Legislative Staff Achievement Award. She has held positions in various professional organizations including a leadership role in the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.

It was my great pleasure to have been able to work with JoAnn during my eight years as Governor and I am honored to be able to recognize her today. JoAnn will be remembered for her loyalty and dedication to her profession over the years, which has brought inspiration to the staff and the members of Delaware's Legislature. Her service to the state of Delaware is commendable, and I wish her a safe and happy retirement.

DONNA JEVEN'S TRIBUTE

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join Congressman Gallegly in mourning the loss of Donna Jevens, a dedicated and devoted servant of our state of California and of our nation.

I had the honor to work with Donna for a decade while I served in the California State Assembly. As my field representative, she attended to the needs of every constituent who sought our assistance and threw her heart and soul into the personal crises that they brought her. In a business where the standard advice is not to get emotionally involved, she cared deeply about everyone she dealt with and it showed.

In the highly pressurized atmosphere of a district office, she was always the positive, sunny and cheerful personality that kept everyone else in the office motivated and upbeat.

My heart goes out to her family. They do not mourn alone—the loss of Donna is keenly felt by all of us who knew her, who worked with her, or who number among the countless legion whom she helped during more than two decades of selfless public service.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST CHRISTIAN M. ADAMS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army SPC Christian M. Adams, who passed away on June 11, 2010.

Christian was born at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, and spent his childhood growing up in Sierra Vista, Arizona where he attended Carmichael and Bella Vista elementary schools, then Sierra Vista Middle School before graduating from Buena High School in 2003. Well known in the community, Christian enlisted in the Army soon after high school.

Assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, Christian was a tracked vehicle mechanic on his second combat deployment when he passed away on June 11, 2010 in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

We remember Christian and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Christian made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

SPC Christian Adams leaves behind his beloved wife Amanda, daughter Faith, mother Donna, stepfather John and father Anthony.

This body and this country owe Christian and his family our deepest gratitude, and we

will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

RECOGNITION OF STANLEY MARKS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifetime achievements of Stanley Marks, an outstanding member of his community in Manalapan, New Jersey, and a devoted family man. He continues to epitomize the concept of responsible citizenship by giving back to society in many ways, making him worthy of this body's recognition. Mr. Marks' commendable achievements make him a deserving recipient of the 2010 Homeowners of Covered Bridge Person of the Year Award.

Stanley Marks was born in 1939 in Brooklyn, New York, where he spent his entire youth and much of his adult life. After graduating from the Boys High School, he joined the RCA Institute and studied electronics. In his professional life, Mr. Marks has worked for the Avion Corp. as well as a prominent Long Island City electronics distributor. In 1998, he moved to New Jersey and joined the Covered Bridge community in Manalapan. Mr. Marks has lived there ever since. A committed family man, he has been married for over 50 years to his wife, Jackie. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Marks has dedicated much of his life to serving each community of which he has been a part, both in New York and New Jersey. He has been committed to a variety of important causes through his support of various community organizations. Mr. Marks was a member of the Mill Basin, New York Civic Association and the chancellor commander of Harmony Lodge #709 of the Knights of Pythias Domain of New York. Currently, he is the vice chancellor of the Covered Bridge Lodge #536 of the Domain of New Jersey. Mr. Marks has also served as the president of the Covered Bridge Homeowners Association. He is presently a member of the association's board of directors. In his work with the Covered Bridge Homeowners Association, Mr. Marks has actively worked to improve the quality of life of his fellow residents. He has also been involved with Meals on Wheels and has helped organize transportation for the handicapped.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Mr. Stanley Marks for his contributions to the community and congratulate him again on his 2010 Person of the Year Award from the Homeowners of Covered Bridge. Mr. Marks' professional accomplishments, work for the betterment of society, and dedication to family should be an inspiration to us all.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING DETERRENCE AND VICTIM SUPPORT ACT OF 2010

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Domestic Minor

Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Victim Support Act of 2010, bipartisan legislation that would take a multi-disciplinary, cooperative approach to shutting down human sex trafficking of children in the United States. I am pleased to be joined by original cosponsor Mr. CHRIS SMITH, who along with me co-chairs the Human Trafficking Caucus. Representatives BLUMENAUER, STEVEN COHEN, TED POE, LAURA RICHARDSON, and DAVID WU also join me as original cosponsors. The legislation is the House companion to S. 2925, introduced by Senators RON WYDEN and JOHN CORNYN in the Senate.

While many think that child sex trafficking is a problem only in foreign countries, experts estimate that over 100,000 children in the United States are currently exploited through commercial sex. Although it is hard to believe, the average age of first exploitation is 12–13. We can no longer ignore that children in our country are being so horrifically exploited for economic gain.

The legislation takes a comprehensive approach to reducing trafficking of minors. It would create block grants to provide shelter and care for the victims, ensure adequate resources for law enforcement and prosecutors to rescue victims and put pimps behind bars, strengthen deterrence and prevention programs aimed at buyers, and require timely and accurate reporting of missing children.

We have a moral obligation to help the neglected victims of sex trafficking and to crack down on their abusers.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF DAVID C. SAVIANO OF BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 537

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of David C. Saviano, born December 21, 1950, to Anthony and Bernadina Saviano, in South Medford, Massachusetts.

Dave's family moved to Billerica when he was 13 years old. He graduated from Billerica Memorial High School in 1970, where his athletic abilities as a wrestler, baseball player, and football captain earned him Athlete of the Year honors his senior year.

Dave's father, Tony, a retired member of Pipefitters Local 537's refrigeration division, inspired Dave to follow in his footsteps. Dave became a pipefitter apprentice in September 1971 and was initiated into Pipefitters Local 537 in March 1975. After working his way through the ranks, Dave ran for, and was elected in 1989, to the executive board of Pipefitters Local 537. Three years later, he was elected vice president of Pipefitters Local 537 and re-elected to that position again in 1995. Dave's leadership and experience earned him a hiatus from serving his Local 537 brothers and sisters in an elected capacity, as Dave ran one of the largest co-generation power plant construction jobs in the country from 1999 to 2002 in Everett, Massachusetts. But he came back to Local 537 politics, was elected and re-elected as business agent in 2002 and 2004; and in 2007 was elected assistant business manager. During his career with Pipefitters Local 537 Dave also served as