

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 915, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

JENNIFER HERRICK**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennifer Herrick for her service to the people of Colorado.

Jennifer exudes the character of a caring citizen and passionate mother. She is a consistent foster mother to troubled, at-risk teens and rescue animals. As a foster mother, Jennifer cares for her foster children long after they have left her care, no matter where the children end up. As a rescue animal enthusiast, Jennifer is especially compassionate for larger breeds including Newfoundlands and Great Danes, and is a large contributor to Rocky Mountain animal rescue organizations.

Jennifer owns a small consignment shop in Evergreen named CRAVE. She is known for being environmentally conscious and community-friendly by donating unwanted items from her store to EChO (Evergreen Christian Outreach).

She is a large supporter of small businesses, by offering area retailers and organizations frequent discounts at her store. Jennifer also sends email notices to her customers asking that they shop locally and support their community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jennifer Herrick for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**HONORING BAKER COLLEGE'S
100TH YEAR OF EDUCATIONAL
SUCCESS**

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Baker College as it celebrates 100 years of educational success.

Baker Business University, as it was known then, was founded by Eldon E. Baker of Flint, Michigan in 1911. Mr. Baker focused on creating a school that provided higher education and training that would enable graduates to have a successful business career. Eldon Baker's vision remains a guiding light for Baker College and its students.

After years of success Baker Business University received regional accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, its three campuses merged to form

the Baker College System. The following year Baker Junior College was authorized to grant a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and became what is known today as Baker College of Flint. Following the accreditation, Baker College of Flint made an \$11 million investment to renovate the former Mandeville School property. Today, that is the foundation for the state of the art campus that resides in Flint.

Presently, Baker College serves more than 40,000 students on 12 campuses, including Baker College Online, and in four satellite locations; grants certificates and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health sciences, education, human services, and various technical fields, as well as a doctorate of business administration. Baker College is a principal in the Greater Flint economy and tool for thousands to better themselves and their families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Baker College on 100 years of growth and success. I wish continued prosperity for the college, its employees, and most importantly the students.

MARIAN METSOPOULOS**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marian Metsopoulos for her outstanding commitment to our community.

Marian is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Lakewood and Jefferson County. As a dedicated historian, Marian looks to the future and the generations impacted by her efforts to save the past.

Her passion extends to the arts as well, where she served as coordinator of the Foothills Arts Center for twenty four years. Marian was a pioneer in making the Foothills Arts center a known name in the community. Her collaboration with local artists and business put the center on the map.

Marian's many accomplishments include support for heritage education, restoration projects for Lakewood's Heritage Center and the Buffalo Bill Museum and grave.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marian Metsopoulos for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne Grisham. From serving as a decorated combat pilot during World War II, to his public service as Mayor of La Mirada and later, as a Member of Congress, Wayne Grisham honorably served his nation, his state and his community.

After graduating from Jordan High School in Long Beach, California, Wayne Grisham joined the Army Air Corps. During World War II, he became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down on a combat mission over Germany. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart. After the war, Wayne completed his studies at Whittier College and the University of Southern California and went on to build a successful real estate company.

In 1970, Wayne began his political career on the La Mirada City Council and soon became the city's mayor. Wayne was elected to Congress in 1978 and was immediately known for his civility. President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address that "civility is not a sign of weakness." This was certainly true of Wayne Grisham. In 1982, Wayne and I found ourselves in the unfortunate circumstance of having our districts drawn together. I was honored to call Wayne Grisham, not only a colleague, but a friend, and while we engaged in a rigorous campaign, I will never forget Wayne's strength of character and enduring friendship. Wayne continued his dedication to public service through elected office in California and as the director of the Peace Corps in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to have served in Congress with Wayne Grisham and I am pleased that we are able to honor him today.

**HONORING THE SOCIETY OF
INNOVATORS CLASS OF 2011-2012**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend Ivy Tech Community College Northwest and its regional partners, who recently celebrated their 7th Annual "Spirit of Innovation" Induction Ceremony, in which twenty-three individuals and sixteen teams were inducted as members of the 2011-2012 class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Individuals were selected from these new members and inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals include: Mayor Jon Costas, Robert Johnson III, Julie Rizzo, Angela Hambling, and Janet Brown, Ph.D. Also honored was the Chanute Prize team recipient, IVDiagnostics at Entech, Valparaiso. For their outstanding efforts, these honorees were inducted during a prestigious event that took place in the Pavilion Ballrooms located at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, on October 20, 2011.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a "Culture of Innovation" in Northwest Indiana. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The five Fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their remarkable

diversity of innovation and the impact of their efforts throughout the community of Northwest Indiana. The 2011–2012 individuals named Society Fellows are as follows: Mayor Jon Costas, of Valparaiso, has worked hard to ensure that the City of Valparaiso is an innovative leader. Revitalizing the downtown area, creating a new urban park, improving the city's infrastructure, and launching a citywide bus service, as well as a commuter bus to Chicago, are some of the many outstanding projects completed under the direction of Mayor Costas. Robert Johnson III is the President/CEO of Cimcor, Inc., Merrillville. Robert developed cutting edge information technology security software that takes real time change detection to the next level by offering instant remediation of unauthorized changes. This security software system is used by the United States Army and the National Nuclear Security Administration, among others. Julie Rizzo is the President of US Greenworks, LLC and is also Executive Director of My Choice Recycling, Saint John. Julie's network of granite recycling centers has saved an estimated five million pounds of granite and stone scraps from being dumped into landfills nationwide. Angela Hambling, Principal of Rolling Prairie Elementary School in La Porte County, created an offsite activities center that is used to improve the educational outcome of underserved minority students. Angela, along with school administrators and teachers, was able to help over 100 students this past year. As a result of this exceptional program, the school's status was raised to "exemplary." Janet Brown, Ph.D. is the Dean of the College of Nursing, Valparaiso University. Under Dr. Brown's direction, the College of Nursing's enrollment went from 25 students to 350 undergraduate students, 45 master's program students, and 28 doctoral students. Dr. Brown also initiated the overseas "cultural immersion" experiences for nursing students.

The recipient of the Chanute Prize for Team Innovation is: IVDiagnostics at Entech Innovation Center, Valparaiso. IVDiagnostics launched a new diagnostic tool to help in the fight against cancer by indentifying rare circulating tumor cells in vivo. This procedure is non-toxic and also helps to eliminate issues that arise in current methods, which calculate high false positives and negatives. Preclinical studies have been conducted at two medical centers which illustrate the effectiveness of this innovative technology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding innovators on being named Society Fellows and the Chanute Prize recipient. Their dedication and commitment to innovation is truly an inspiration. Their years of hard work have played a major role in shaping future development in Northwest Indiana and communities worldwide, and each recipient is worthy of the highest praise.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, I was unable to attend the first vote of a Point of Order for Un-

funded Mandate on H.R. 3630 raised by Representative MOORE. The Chair then called a Question of Consideration to Rule for H.R. 3630.

As you know, the House was not scheduled to be in Session this week and Monday evening I held a listening event with concerned citizens in the town of Savoy. I could not, in good conscience, cancel on a group that had been on my schedule for several months. On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, I was traveling from my district to Washington, DC, when this unanticipated Point of Order was raised.

Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows: for Question of Consideration of the Resolution, I would have voted "yea."

REMEMBERING MRS. GRACE TYSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness but with great respect that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Mrs. Grace Tyson, of East Chicago, Indiana. Mrs. Tyson's many contributions to the Northwest Indiana community as a civil servant and as a leader within her church are worthy of our deepest admiration. Grace passed away at the age of 103 on Friday, November 25, 2011, but the impact and influence she has had on her community will surely live on for generations to come.

Grace Tyson was born in Unity, Illinois, to Mary and Dee McConde. She attended elementary school in Unity, Illinois, graduated from high school in Sandusky, Illinois, and later attended college in Carbondale, Illinois. In 1940, she married Charles Tyson and they settled down in the city of East Chicago, Indiana. Grace graduated with distinction from Beauty and Cosmetology School in Gary, Indiana, in 1945. Her lifelong career as a licensed cosmetologist and beautician lasted 51 years, until her retirement in 1996. Grace joined Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in the early 1940s. She became a faithful member of the church and Missionary Society, holding the offices of President and Secretary.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Tyson gave of her time to serve those in need. She was very passionate about helping others, and her life was centered around this type of work. She was one of the very first individuals to serve as a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, a position she held for over five years. She was a member of the Women's Improvement Club of East Chicago, for which she served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Grace also became the area representative and delegate for senior citizens at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. For her truly impressive determination to improve the lives of so many, she was awarded the Governor's Proclamation for her years of service. Grace was known as a quiet, effective leader who served as a positive role model for many young men and women throughout the community of Northwest Indiana.

While Grace Tyson was always active in her community and her church, she cherished her

time with her family the most. She leaves to cherish her memory her nieces, Mary Perry and Martha Brownlee; nephew, Tommy (Gwendolyn) Daniel; godson, Edward Williams; and special neighbor Anna Williams; as well as many grand nieces and nephews. She will also be greatly missed by her many friends, neighbors, club members, and caretakers.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Grace Tyson for her outstanding devotion to her community in Northwest Indiana. Her unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation. Grace's selflessness was an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to have represented her in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES MARK McNATT

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. James Mark McNatt, a remarkable Texan who died on July 31, 2011. James was born in Denton, TX to James Arby and Margaret Revell McNatt and in 1966 he married the love of his life, Judy Blankenship. James and Judy went on to raise three children in Carthage, TX and James was the proud grandfather to seven grandchildren.

As a young man, James served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. In 2007 he retired from East Texas Medical Center in Carthage after 25 years of service. James was a respected member of the New Life Baptist Church and The Gideons International, and was known to have the perfect scripture for any situation.

James loved his life in Carthage, where he resided for 28 years. All three of his children went to Carthage High School, where James and Judy could always be found cheering in the stands, working in the concession stand, or helping behind the scenes. James never stopped being an active community member—whether it was volunteer work or running his snowcone stand in the summer. Judy has worked for the local radio station for 20 years.

In 2002, James was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, but he never skipped a beat. James and Judy still continued to travel to see the grandchildren's dance recitals, cheer competitions, and soccer games and visit the Longview Fire Station where his son was a firefighter. James adamantly believed a cure for Parkinson's was possible and planned for guests of his memorial to make donations to the American Parkinson's Disease Association. James also served time on the board of the local American Heart Association chapter.

His family will remember James as a man of faith and perseverance. One who made it a priority to have the whole family together, making sure the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange was on the calendar and one who loved others unconditionally.

James is survived by his wife for 45 years, Judy McNatt, daughters Jennifer Mattingly and husband Chris, Jessica Huff and husband Bill, and son (James) Michael McNatt and wife Melinda. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Molly and Riley Mattingly; Baylee,