

contributions to our city, and I wish him years of happiness and continued success in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to a delay of my flight to Washington, D.C., I missed rollcall vote 452. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4155, a bill to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL METRO DETROIT YOUTH DAY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise today to recognize the organizers, supporters and participants of the 30th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day.

In 1982, Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young asked Mr. Ed Deeb to rise to the challenge of restoring relationships between the local business community and the youth of Detroit. From this need, Mr. Deeb, Mr. Tom Fox and the late Mr. Jerry Blocker founded Youth Day, an annual event which strengthened ties between Detroit business owners and youth. Under Mr. Deeb's leadership as chairman and coordinator of Youth Day, it has continued to grow and evolve into an event focused on nurturing the great potential of our youth and community support in the City of Detroit.

Youth Day has grown from eleven hundred participants the first year to over thirty-seven thousand annually, with more than seven hundred thousand youth participants throughout its history. Of equal importance are the more than fifteen hundred annual volunteers who come from more than 320 organizations and 310 businesses and civic groups who supervise sports clinics, games, contests and many other activities that are a part of this daylong event.

Youth Day's evolution included expanding its impact on participants, supporters and volunteers. As part of this expansion, Youth Day began to focus on providing youth with guidance, mentoring, substance abuse prevention and motivational activities designed to allow them to channel their creativity and ideas into positive outcomes, as well as provide the opportunity to pursue higher education. This year, participants will also have the opportunity to attend workshops on anti-bullying and obesity.

To promote higher education, Youth Day began awarding participants with scholarships for youth who displayed outstanding citizenship, leadership and service. Since 1992, over seven hundred scholarships have been awarded to graduating high school seniors in Metro

Detroit, and over eighty will be awarded this year. In addition to the scholarship awards, several colleges will have information booths at Youth Day to showcase opportunities for higher education.

The fifty-person Youth Day Executive Board spearheads volunteer and event organization. Ed's vision speaks for itself, as Youth Day has been awarded numerous accolades including a Point of Light award from President George H.W. Bush and the Physical Fitness Award from the Governor's Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 30th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day and recognizing the organizers, supporters, volunteers and participants for working together to build a stronger future for Michigan youth in Metro Detroit.

HONORING THE GRAND HOTEL

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, let it be known it is an honor to commemorate the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

The idea for a hotel on scenic Mackinac Island in Lake Huron became a reality when the Mackinac Island Hotel Company was formed by two railroads and a steamship company to promote tourism in the region. On July 10, 1887, the Grand Hotel opened its doors to the world. Using a force of 600 carpenters and 1.5 million Michigan White Pine boards, the original hotel was completed in just 93 days.

In the 1930s, W. Stewart Woodfill, who joined the hotel as a clerk in 1919, purchased the hotel and became its new owner. In 1960, Dan Musser, an employee since 1951, became the president of the hotel. The Mussers purchased the hotel in 1979 and have owned it since that time.

Throughout its history, the hotel welcomed many luminaries and statesmen including Mark Twain and Thomas Edison in addition to Presidents Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Michigan's own Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

The Grand Hotel is set on picturesque Mackinac Island. In addition to relaxing or participating in sports such as golf or tennis, patrons of the hotel can explore the Mackinac Island State Park, visit nearby Fort Mackinac, the oldest building in the state of Michigan, or enjoy bicycling or horseback riding. The island has banned motorized transportation since 1898. Although over a century has passed, some things never change, as the hotel still holds afternoon tea and patrons must wear proper evening dress at dinner.

The hotel still holds the record for possessing the longest porch in the world, at 660 feet long. It has been on Michigan's State Historical Register since 1957, was added to the National Historical Register in 1972, and became a National Historical Landmark in 1989. Aside from its historical status, the Grand Hotel has worked to make the facility as green as the forests which surrounds it.

In its 125 years of operation, the Grand Hotel has represented an important link to the Great Lake State's past and its future. I wish

the Grand Hotel and its staff a very happy anniversary. May it enjoy another 125 years of continued success in preserving an important and thriving summer destination.

As a final note, I would like to invite all Members of this body and all Americans to come to Northern Michigan and experience the natural beauty and friendly hospitality that make my home state one of the best places in the country to visit.

FORMER CHARLESTON NAVAL BASE LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM SCOTT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2061, the Former Charleston Naval Base Land Exchange Act, introduced by Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM. Congressman CLYBURN and I introduced the companion to this legislation in the House, and I want to thank both Mr. CLYBURN and SENATOR GRAHAM for their support on this land swap.

Our bill simply authorizes a land swap between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the South Carolina State Ports Authority. The 25 acres DHS would receive are in the middle of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center campus and are currently leased from the Ports Authority. In exchange for this land, the Ports Authority would receive 10.5 acres of vacant DHS land to build an access road between Interstate 26 and the new container terminal under construction.

This is a commonsense solution that is a win for both parties involved, and I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation.

THE ALEH FOUNDATION PAID TRIBUTE TO MIKE SILVERSTEIN AT THEIR 28TH YEAR MILESTONE GALA

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, Mike Silverstein was a legendary figure in the shoe industry and co-founded NINA Footwear in 1953. Operating from a loft on Prince Street in New York City, the brothers, Stanley and Mike built Nina Footwear into one of the most widely respected independent companies in the shoe industry. Mike combined a flair for showmanship with true business acumen and was instrumental in developing the shoe industry's presence in New York City.

Mr. Silverstein was also renowned in other circles. To so many who knew Mike Silverstein, as well as to the disabled children that Aleh Foundation helps, Moshe "Mike" Silverstein is unforgettable, and has left his family and friends with warm and happy memories. His charismatic personality was joyously remembered by the Chairpersons, Honorees and the Raine & Stanley Silverstein Family Foundation during the Aleh 28th annual Awards Dinner to "Fulfill a Child's Dream."

Friends in the industry in which he played a central role for decades will remember him fondly as he left behind a beautiful family; to include his children, Scott, Baron, Nanci, and Neil.

At the Dinner in the ballroom of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park NYC, Rabbi Dr. Elie Abadie, an Aleh Foundation Rabbinical Board member and a strong supporter of the great work done by the Aleh Foundation, recited an emotional and special prayer dedicated to the deceased. Afterwards Rabbi Abadie then presented a Congressional certificate to Mr. Silverstein's niece, Nina Miner and her daughter Leslie and husband Michael—the sponsors of the 2012 Aleh dinner. These wonderful individuals were also the sponsors of a residential wing to house children in the Aleh village, which is known as the "Aleh Negev" in loving memory of Stanley Silverstein's great granddaughter, the late Chana Emunah Kule ob'm.

Truly, the City and people of New York will miss the kindness and compassion of Mike Silverstein. His good deeds and charitable spirit will live forever within our hearts.

CONGRATULATING THE WAUSAU KAYAK/CANOE CORPORATION FOR HOSTING THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION JUNIOR AND UNDER-23 CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me to recognize the hosts of the 2012 International Canoe Federation's Junior and Under-23 Canoe Slalom World Championships. This competition between young canoe and kayak paddlers all over the world will take place on the Wausau Whitewater Course in Wausau, Wisconsin from July 10 to July 15, 2012.

Due to the many great people who contributed to bringing this event back to American waters, this will be Wausau's second year to host the Junior World Championship and their first year to host the U-23 Championship. I am truly proud and honored that this event is taking place in Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.

This international competition among Junior Slalom and U-23 canoe and kayak paddlers will bring together over 400 participants and support staff representing athletes from over 35 nations. Not only does this event bring a multitude of skill and interest to the Central Wisconsin area, it will bring the inaugural championship for the Under-23 age category, which is sure to become an exciting new force in the slalom realm. In fact, two of the soon-to-be Olympic competitors in this category, Caroline Queen and Casey Eichfeld, will be competing in Wausau before competing for the United States at the 2012 Summer London Games later in July. Additionally, the event will also welcome international dignitaries to Wausau, Wisconsin, including Mr. Jose Perurena, the current president of the International Canoe Federation.

This World Championship would not be possible without the Wausau Kayak/Canoe Cor-

poration as the official host the event, as well as the multiple contributions from local and national foundations and organizations—including, The Alexander Foundation, The Dudley Foundation, The BA & Esther Greenheck Foundation, The Community Foundation of North Central WI, Wisconsin Public Service, Charter Communications, and Kinzie Green Marketing. I would like to take this moment to recognize the hard work and intense effort to make this event possible.

I am immensely proud and honored to have such a group of high caliber athletes coming to compete in Central Wisconsin, especially in Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District. I wish everyone the best of luck in their upcoming races.

HONORING BOB PHILLIPS'S SERVICE AS THE 2011-2012 LEBANON ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor as a fellow Rotarian to congratulate Bob J. Phillips on his service as the 2011–2012 President of the Lebanon Rotary Club in Lebanon, Tennessee. True to the Rotary theme "service above self," Mr. Phillips worked tirelessly with his club to improve his community.

Prior to serving as President, Mr. Phillips served the Lebanon Rotary Club as a Member of the Board of Directors and project manager for the initial installation of the first two water purification systems in Honduras. He additionally served as Bulletin Editor prior to becoming President and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Phillips retired from Lockheed Martin in 2000 with over 22 years of service. In his last assignment with Lockheed Martin, he served as Assistant General Manager, Information Services Division, and managed all communication and information technologies in support of the Nevada Test site for the U.S. Department of Energy from 1995 to 2000.

He and his wife, Barbara, relocated to Lebanon after his retirement. They have two children and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Maple Hill Church of Christ where he has served on the evangelism program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 452, 453 and 454 I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 452, "aye" on rollcall No. 453 and "aye" on rollcall No. 454.

CELEBRATING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 47th anniversary of the Older Americans Act.

The Older Americans Act of 1965 was the first federal-level initiative aimed at providing comprehensive services for American seniors. The Older Americans Act has played an instrumental role in shaping American society by supporting critical nutrition services, job training, senior centers, caregiver support, transportation, health promotion, and benefits enrollment, among other services.

The Older Americans Act remains an important element in our government, especially as American citizens live longer, and as many face financial challenges during these tough economic times.

Today, the Older Americans Act authorizes an extensive array of service programs through a national network of 56 state agencies, 629 area agencies, nearly 20,000 service providers, 244 tribal organizations, and two Native Hawaiian organizations that represent 400 Tribes. Additionally, it includes community service employment for low-income seniors. It also provides older citizens with training, research, and demonstration activities in the field of aging and vulnerable elder rights protection activities.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report that many seniors in the 37th Congressional District of California have benefited from this indispensable piece of legislation and have been protected from homelessness and joblessness. On the anniversary of the Older Americans Act, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the wonderful contributions American seniors have made to our nation and to continue supporting the services critical to their wellbeing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 452: on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4155—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 453: on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4367—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 454: on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5892—I would have voted "aye."