

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 617, 618, and 619.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 617, on the motion to suspend the Rules and agree to S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 618, on the motion to suspend the Rules and pass H.R. 6602, to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 619, on the motion to suspend the Rules and pass S. 2367, to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING THE THOMPSONS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paula and Homer Thompson on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Paula and Homer were married on December 7, 1962, in the home of Paula's parents in Mineral Wells, Texas. Since that day, they have lived in Carrollton, Texas. During their life together, they raised three children—Tracey Hutcherson, born on May 11, 1965; Scott Thompson, born on February 27, 1972; and Marc Thompson, born on January 30, 1975. They are also the proud grandparents of Joni, Micah, Jorden, and Emma.

Since 1974, Paula and Homer have been active members of the First Baptist Church in Carrollton. They have taught Sunday school, attended adult Sunday school, and sung in both the Sanctuary Choir and Live Wire Choir. The celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary will be held at the church on December 15.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Paula and Homer Thompson on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. This landmark in their lives stands as an example of the timeless value and endurance of mutual honor and dedication.

HONORING MR. DON GLASER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Don Glaser for his service as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Director. Over the years he has practiced careful and productive stewardship over our nation's water and power resources. His reverence for our natural resources and his commitment to public service have made him an exceptional public servant. This January, Mr. Glaser will continue his efforts in Denver, Colorado, where he will work on several high priority projects for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Glaser has over twenty years of experience with the Bureau of Reclamation, where he has held a number of positions throughout the West and Washington, D.C. He was recently honored with the Department of Interior's highest recognition, the Distinguished Service Award. He has been active in non-profits engaged in water education, open space preservation, and fish and wildlife conservation and restoration. As Regional Director, Mr. Glaser oversaw the management of Reclamation's water projects in an area that encompasses the northern two-thirds of California, most of western Nevada, and part of southern Oregon. His breadth of experience has certainly been an asset to the Mid-Pacific region.

The Central Valley Project (CVP) is perhaps one of the most complicated and intricate federal water projects in the United States. Managing the CVP requires delicately balancing the often conflicting needs of farmers, ranchers, cities, fish, wildlife, tribal communities, and recreational users. As the principal supervisor of projects like the CVP, Mr. Glaser consistently brought the skills necessary to troubleshoot problems. His expertise and ability to foster relationships helped to address the competing needs of all water users, making him a responsible guardian of one of our most precious resources—water.

Mr. Glaser's job called for the ability to address and resolve conflicts, and to understand the nuances and sensitivities of the water resources industry. He has demonstrated a strong grasp of program planning, analysis, policy formulation, and implementation, which enabled him to represent the Department on many difficult issues. Mr. Glaser's capacity to balance local implications and "the big picture" allows him to successfully create innovative solutions to seemingly impossible conflicts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Don Glaser for his tireless dedication to being a conscientious keeper of America's water and power resources. His innovative work and enthusiasm on behalf of the

Bureau of Reclamation make him a role model and source of pride for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL BOWLDS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life of Michael Bowlds, my constituent and a man of unique vision. Michael passed away last month after a courageous battle with cancer. Even until his final days, Michael worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of others.

Michael was an award-winning sales, business development, and marketing professional. A highly regarded government contracting expert, he established Mountaintop Marketing Group, one of the top government marketing firms in the country.

Michael's accomplishments as a business leader were widely recognized. He was named the 2009 "Advocate of the Year" by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency and commended for his leadership, guidance and support in assisting small and minority-owned firms with securing over \$200 million in government contracts in that year alone. Nationally recognized as a leading Minority Business Champion, Michael and Mountaintop Marketing Group hosted the Annual Minority Business Awards Gala in conjunction with Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He was a recipient of the prestigious "Yeti Zanders Outstanding Advocate of the Year" Award presented by the National Capital Area Minority Business Opportunities Center, selected as one of the "2010 Top 25 CEOs" by the Gazette of Business and Politics, and named one of the "50 Powerful Men In Business" by the Minority Enterprise Executive Council.

Michael served as Board Chairman for the National Capital Area Minority Business Opportunities Center Advisory Board and on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and was a founding member and financial underwriter of the Montgomery County Chamber's Government Contracting Network. He also served on the Board of Directors for the National Women's Business Center.

An active member of his community, Michael was deeply involved in mentoring small businesses through the Montgomery County Small Business Mentorship Program. He also was a founding member and instructor of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's Veteran Institute for Procurement.

I send my condolences to his wife Courtney, his three children and his many friends and colleagues throughout our community. He will be deeply missed.

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TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT KAUFFMAN, CAPTAIN MIHELICH, OFFICER BLASINGAME, AND OFFICER GOLEZ OF FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Kauffman, Captain Mihelich, Officer Blasingame, and Officer Golez of Fairfield, California.

Sergeant Kauffman will retire after nearly 30 years of law enforcement service with the City of Fairfield. He was hired as a Public Safety Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on July 5, 1983. Sergeant Kauffman served the community in a number of non-emergency patrol functions while putting himself through the police academy. After graduation, he was rehired as a Police Officer on June 30, 1986 where he worked in various capacities that included Patrol, Investigations, Solano Narcotics Enforcement Team (Sol-NET), and Field Training. Sergeant Kauffman earned the Police Officer of the Quarter award in November 1999 for his reliability and commitment to community service. On December 31, 1999, he was promoted to Police Corporal and then earned the City Manager's Commendation on July 28, 2003 for his contributions and dedication to the City's Driver Training program.

On March 3, 2006, Sergeant Kauffman was promoted to Police Sergeant and ultimately supervised a number of different units including Patrol, Professional Standards, and Major Crimes. In 2009, as the Police Department experienced changes in leadership and command staff, he stepped in and assisted City management in filling the gaps. Sergeant Kauffman assumed the Police Lieutenant's position and managed Patrol Operations for several months. He has a can-do attitude and he consistently provides quality service to the community.

Sergeant Kauffman has been a valued employee and leader, and his commitment to the community was evidenced on a daily basis. He was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

Captain Mihelich will retire after nearly 29 years of law enforcement service, with 25 years of that service to the City of Fairfield. After serving over three years as a Reserve Officer and Police Officer with the South San Francisco Police Department, Captain Mihelich was hired as a Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on October 12, 1987. As an officer, he worked in various capacities that included Patrol, Investigations, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Special Operations, Gang Suppression, Special Activity Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team, and Field Training.

Captain Mihelich was promoted to Police Corporal on December 31, 1999 and then to Police Sergeant on December 28, 2001. He skillfully mentored and supervised units in Patrol and Training & Personnel, and was named Manager of the Year in 2006. After being promoted to Lieutenant on June 6, 2008, Captain Mihelich served as a Commander for Patrol,

Quality of Life, and Administrative Services Bureaus. He was a strong and decisive leader and as the Police Department experienced changes in leadership and command staff, he consistently stepped in and assisted City management in filling the gaps. He assumed the Police Captain's position and managed the Support Services Division beginning in April 2011 before being formally promoted on February 10, 2012.

Capitan Mihelich has been a valued employee and leader, and his commitment to the City and community was evidenced on a daily basis. He was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic. Captain Mihelich is commended for his selfless contribution to Fairfield and its constituents.

Officer Blasingame will retire after 30 years of law enforcement service, with 23 years of that service to the City of Fairfield. After serving seven years as a Correctional Officer and Deputy Sheriff with the Solano County Sheriff's Office, he was hired as a Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on September 25, 1989, and served the community in a number of capacities within the Patrol and Investigations Bureaus.

Officer Blasingame has received numerous commendations from citizens and coworkers for his consistent and skillful performance. Some of his most significant contributions to the Police Department have been sharing his knowledge and experience of solid investigative skills, exceptional memory, and quality reporting techniques with fellow officers. Officer Blasingame has been a dedicated team member, mentor and positive representation of the Fairfield Police Department.

Officer Golez will retire after nearly 30 years of law enforcement service to the City of Fairfield. He was hired as a Public Safety Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on January 7, 1983, and served the community in a number of police and fire functions until he attended the police academy in early 1985. After graduation, he was promoted to Police Officer on May 20, 1985, where he worked in various capacities within the Patrol and Traffic units.

Officer Golez has received numerous commendations from citizens and coworkers for his consistent and exemplary performance. Some of his most significant contributions to the Police Department have been the development of the Police Cadet Program and sharing his motorcycle expertise with fellow officers. Officer Golez has been a dedicated teacher, mentor and a positive representation of the Fairfield Police Department.

Sergeant Kauffman and Captain Mihelich will be presented with their retirement memorabilia at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012, during an Employee Recognition reception in Willow Hall at the Fairfield Community Center. Officers Blasingame and Golez will be recognized in early January. All are welcome to join the celebration of these distinguished careers.

HONORING YOUR NEWS NOW
"YNN"

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Your News Now "YNN," a local 24-hour news channel exclusively provided seven days a week by Time Warner Cable. Serving the State of New York, YNN is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

Across Upstate New York, my constituents rely on YNN for their local news. Since its debut, YNN has provided in-depth coverage of national, state, and local new stories, community events, high school sports, and weather forecasting. This has allowed New Yorkers the ability to access local news coverage regardless of the time of day.

YNN also provides the only statewide political program, "Capital Tonight," covering the State Capitol, U.S. Capitol, and political news from across the Empire State each weekday evening.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the commitment Time Warner and YNN have made to ensuring quality local news programming throughout New York State. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government." YNN is an important part of this effort for my constituents in the 20th District of New York and across our state, and I congratulate them on their 10th Anniversary.

REMEMBERING JACK BROOKS,
FORMER JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the passing of my friend and former colleague Jack Brooks.

As long-time members of the House Judiciary Committee and the Government Reform Committee, Jack Brooks and I worked closely together. I saw firsthand his dedication to serving our nation and his constituents in Texas. Through his leadership as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee in the 1960s, both the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act made their way through the committee and ultimately passed into law. Less than a decade later, he led the effort to hold President Nixon accountable to the public, and helped draft the articles of impeachment against Nixon. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee from 1989 to 1995, Jack Brooks oversaw the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Violence Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, and the modernization of the Civil Rights Act. Chairman Brooks was also a longstanding champion of competition, antitrust and government accountability.

Jack Brooks will be remembered by many. His lasting contributions will continue to be felt in our civil rights laws across the country.