

large shared space working long hours on difficult issues got to know each other about as well as you can with people assembled by someone else. In stressful moments full of "pushback" and "red flags", he could be counted on to pitch in to help, or simply remind his fellow staffers "you love this song".

Even after Rob left the Hill, everyone wanted to stay in touch with Rob, either through a "pop-in" to the Longworth office or to meet for a cup of coffee for some advice and a few laughs. He maintained his relationship with the Fifth District even after his former boss moved on to the White House, serving as a friend and mentor to my staff.

Rob brought that same *joie de vivre* to all of his work, on and off the Hill. It is no surprise that so many people in Washington and beyond have a story about Rob helping them out with a thorny issue, providing career advice or simply helping them during a challenging time. Rob will also be remembered by so many of us for how easy it was to become and stay good friends with him, and how we were frequently uplifted by his sense of humor, including his spot-on impressions, and his very infectious laugh.

Mr. Speaker, it's not often I find myself in the position of singing the praises of a Flyers fan, and while I'm still happy his team finished second in 2010, there's no question he's first in the hearts of his friends and family. A few years ago the derisive term "little punk staffer" became a badge of honor among the many who've toiled in tiny cramped spaces like 1319 Longworth. Rob was among the best little punk staffers this institution has ever seen.

He was taken from us prematurely, and so many people are devastated by this loss. But Rob wouldn't want us to be sad. He would say "go out and enjoy your young life." He would want us to put on some Green Day, walk past the Capitol Dome and remember why we came to Washington in the first place. The best way to honor Rob is to do a great job while giving everything you have to some great friends. Rob, we miss you already.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes during this week:

On rollcall vote 354, on the passage of H.R. 2576, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 355, on the passage of H.R. 1848, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 356, on the passage of H.R. 2611, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 357, ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 300, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 358, on the passage of H. Res. 300, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 359, on the Motion to Adjourn, I voted "no."

On rollcall vote 360, on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2667, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 361, on passage of H.R. 2667, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 362, on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2668, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 363, on passage of H.R. 2668, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 364, on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 303, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 365, on passage of H. Res. 303, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 366, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 368, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 369, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 354 and 355, I missed these votes because my first flight was canceled, and my second flight was delayed.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

17TH NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, this week close to 50,000 Boy Scouts and members of the Scouting community are gathering in Glen Jean, West Virginia for the 17th national Boy Scout Jamboree. This 10-day event features some of the most physically challenging events in its history, including rock climbing, rappelling, white water rafting and biking. The Jamboree is a monumental event for Scouting and is a highlight for the thousands of Scouts who attend.

The first Jamboree was held in 1937 in Washington, D.C. and featured more than 27,000 Scouts who camped on the National Mall under the Washington Monument. Since that time, the Boy Scouts of America has held National Jamborees at several locations across the country, with the most recent in 2010 in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

As an Eagle Scout, I could not be more proud that the Mountain State is hosting the Jamboree for the very first time and will serve as the permanent home for the event in the coming years.

This week, thousands of Scouts from around the United States, their leaders and others have travelled to the new facility near the New River Gorge in beautiful Fayette County, West Virginia. The site, known as the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, will house Scouts, staff and adult leaders, who will enjoy the outdoors and test their abilities in a number of ways. During the Jamboree, the Summit will be the third largest city in West Virginia.

Also, because of its location in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia, physical activities will be more intense and will provide a more diverse terrain for Scouts of all ages. The Summit will challenge Scouts with programs

like BMX biking, climbing, whitewater rafting, and gliding along one of the fastest zip line courses in North America.

Construction of this permanent home for the national Boy Scout Jamboree has pumped nearly \$170 million into the West Virginia economy over the past four years.

The new home for the jamboree, sitting on 10,600 acres in a world-renowned adventure sports region, will undoubtedly provide a huge economic boost for the state and hopefully the participants will keep coming back to enjoy all our stunning state has to offer.

But the greatest impact the Summit will have will be on the thousands of Scouts and adults who participate. This type of impact may be not measured immediately, but will be felt for generations to come. I know that, first hand.

As an Eagle Scout from Troop 6 in Wheeling, W.Va., I can say that the lessons I learned as a young man in the Boy Scouts have stuck with me throughout my life and guided my decisions in my personal and professional career.

My experience in Scouting has helped shape who I am today.

Sadly, many of the values held true by the Scouts are sorely missing in society today. Too often, duty to God and country are not valued in our culture. That is why it is so vital that we help the Boy Scouts continue their mission.

For over 100 years the Boy Scouts have made this country a better place. More than 2.6 million Scouts are continuing to build character, promote physical, spiritual and mental growth, and acquire leadership skills for generations of young men. You can look no further than the 300,000 hours of community service that will be performed during the Jamboree to understand the positive impact Scouting has on its members and the community as a whole.

Now, the Boy Scouts of America have a brand new home to carry on their jamboree tradition in the beautiful state of West Virginia. We are also excited that for the first time in 52 years, the World Scout Jamboree will be held in the United States at this same site in 2019.

While thousands of Scouts are here to "Go Big, Get Wild," we welcome them to our beautiful country roads!

IN HONOR OF DAVE PLATT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Dave Platt, the owner of the Newtown Swim Club, in Newtown Township, Bucks County, has provided thousands of families with healthful recreational activities since 1983. Dave is closing the business and in this next chapter of his life, he plans to concentrate on his family and his health. We congratulate Dave as a man who has contributed so much to area youth and the community, overall. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he is a past member of the board of directors of Frankford Hospital, Northeast Federal Savings, The George School and the Bucks County Planning Commission. For many years he was the owner of the Somerton Springs Golf Centers where he held

the annual Richie Ashburn Golf Classic, raising over \$1 million for the Boy Scouts of America. Now, we wish Dave Platt and his family, a happy and successful future as we acknowledge his many contributions and, especially, the example he has set for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26TH AS
"NATIONAL ELECTRICAL
LINeworker APPRECIATION
DAY"

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I solemnly rise in memory of Marc Moore, a resident of my hometown of Lakeland, and a Florida electrical lineworker who was tragically killed while serving Floridians on August 26, 2002.

Lineworkers have one of the most dangerous occupations across our country. Utility companies throughout the United States employ over 100,000 electrical lineworkers. These individuals are some of the first people on the job after natural disasters, and are a critical component of maintaining our nation's infrastructure after hurricanes, blizzards, tornadoes, and earthquakes.

They are unsung heroes who literally put their lives on the line 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing to our nation's homes, hospitals, military bases, schools, and churches.

Florida linemen not only respond to local and state emergencies; they travel to other states that experience weather related disasters to help restore service, such as the Alabama tornadoes and Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast.

Hardworking men and women, like Marc Moore, who is survived by his wife, Tracy, and two boys, risk their lives daily in dangerous circumstances to ensure reliable delivery of electricity to citizens across the state and across the country.

With that in mind, I would like to encourage my colleagues to join me in annually recognizing August 26th as "National Electrical Lineworker Appreciation Day."

WINTECH, INC., "MAKE IT IN
AMERICA" MANUFACTURER OF
THE WEEKMEMBER'S OFFICIAL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor WinTech, Inc., as the U.S. Commerce Department's "Make it in America" Manufacturer of the Week for July 1–5, 2013, as part of their National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP).

Founded in 1991, WinTech, Inc. custom manufactures high quality, cost-effective windows for metal and modular buildings. WinTech also manufactures access doors, view ports, and panels for the HVAC industry. The company recently added a new division

which produces an innovative series of commercial windows and PTAC Louvers for the construction industry.

Located in Monett, Missouri, for over twenty years, WinTech is an outstanding example of what the Manufacturing Extension Partnership aims to highlight. WinTech continues to develop innovative products, reach new markets, and create jobs through their company values of integrity, honesty, self discipline, and continuous improvement. It is these values that enable WinTech to live up to its mission of building quality, cost-effective products while striving each day to reach its full potential.

The ingenuity, creativity, and hard work of American manufacturers helped build our nation, and it is our manufacturers that are vital to keeping our nation strong. I am honored to recognize WinTech, Inc. for their contributions and outstanding work in being named the NIST MEP "Make it in America" Manufacturer of the Week. I am proud of the work they do and jobs they provide for Missourians in the 7th District.

REINTRODUCING THE NATIONAL
WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY
PROJECT ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to reauthorize the National Women's Rights History Project Act, co-sponsored by my upstate New York colleagues Representatives TOM REED, DAN MAFEI, and RICHARD HANNA. I originally worked with then-Senator HILLARY CLINTON to pass this bill into law in 2009. With the current authorization for the project set to expire this year, it is vital that Congress pass this reauthorization and ensure that the women who shaped our nation's history and fought for every woman's rights are remembered and honored for generations to come.

The National Women's Rights History Project will establish an auto route linking sites significant to the struggle for women's suffrage, known as the Votes for Women Trail. It will also add to the National Register of "Places Where Women Made History," a variety of historic sites that were home to pivotal moments in our nation's struggle for gender equality. Finally, this Project will establish a public-private partnership network to offer financial and technical assistance for educational programs about the history of the fight for women's rights.

On this day in 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Mary Ann M'Clintock convened the first women's rights convention at Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York. This event marked the beginning of a 72-year struggle for women's suffrage. During the convention, 68 women and 32 men signed the Declaration of Sentiments, which set out radical notions such as women's freedom to own property, receive an education and earn fair wages.

I am especially proud that it was in Rochester, New York where Susan B. Anthony fought so hard for the rights that women throughout this country rely on today. Among her many efforts, Susan B. Anthony estab-

lished the Equal Rights Association to refute ideas that women were inferior to men and to fight for women's right to vote. She also fought to tear down the walls holding women back from higher education.

In 1880, a woman launched a brave petition to be the first female student at the University of Rochester. For almost twenty years, the petition was flatly denied—until 1898, when the University said that women would be allowed if they raised \$100,000 for the school. In today's terms, that is equal to \$2 million. By June of 1900 a group of women had managed to secure \$40,000, and the University decided that women would be allowed to enroll if they could raise another \$10,000 by September. Scrambling to reach the new goal, the women were \$8,000 short a day before the deadline. With hours remaining, Susan B. Anthony stepped forward and raised \$6,000 from friends and family before pledging her own life insurance policy to raise the final \$2,000 and throw open the doors of higher education in Rochester. Now, more than 100 years later, the University of Rochester is home to the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies—one of the pre-eminent educational institutions in the world.

These are the stories of incredible courage, dedication, and unyielding belief in equality that the National Women's Rights History Project is designed to honor.

The fight for women's rights and equality still continues today. It was just 93 years ago that women were finally granted the right to vote. The struggle for women's suffrage was never easy and it is vital that we honor the sacrifices and commitment of those who blazed the trail that led us here today, where a record number of women serve in the 113th Congress.

Reauthorizing the National Women's Rights History Project Act will ensure that this important civil rights story is celebrated for generations to come. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and reauthorize the National Women's Rights History Project.

LUNCH PROGRAM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the problems created by the Healthy Hungry-Free Kids Act.

We are trying to balance the needs of hungry children against fighting childhood obesity in America. Kids including my three children, Toryn, Griffin, and Clark are not getting enough to eat because of athletic programs and physical education classes.

I am concerned that the food only requirements of this program are creating excessive waste and have put a financial burden on already cash strapped schools across the country. Many kids are rejecting these new menus and throwing their food away and going home hungry. While we need to look at the nutritional content of school lunches, we must also not forget the importance of physical education classes.

Illinois is currently the only state that requires students in kindergarten through high school to have PE every day. A combination