

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESS-
MAN JO BONNER OF THE FIRST
DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my delegation colleagues—Congressman ROBERT ADERHOLT, Congressman MO BROOKS, Congresswoman MARTHA ROBY, Congressman MIKE ROGERS, and Congresswoman TERRI SEWELL—it is with great respect and admiration that we recognize the service of Congressman JO BONNER to the First District of Alabama, his state, and his country. A determined and effective advocate for the people of Alabama, JO BONNER has distinguished himself through his accomplishments in office, his integrity, and his deep humility. The members of the Alabama delegation have always worked together when the best interests of our state are involved and JO BONNER has been integral to our cohesiveness. We have been honored to serve with him as a colleague and count him as a friend.

JO's calling to serve began early. The ethic was instilled by a close-knit family that valued the principles of hard work, honesty, and fair play. The many public officials and community leaders in his extended family included his father, Judge Josiah Robins Bonner of Wilcox County, and his mother Imogene, who was an Army nurse during World War II.

The decision JO made to attend the University of Alabama, where he earned a journalism degree, began a love affair with a great institution that has only strengthened over the years. An internship with Congressman Jack Edwards gave JO his first intimate exposure to the U.S. House of Representatives. In a few years, JO would return with Congressman Edwards' successor, Sonny Callahan, ascending to the position of Chief of Staff.

Perhaps because he served for 18 years as a staff member himself, JO BONNER has always been known for hiring excellent people and treating his staff with professionalism and respect. By doing so, he has developed a loyal and experienced team—led most recently by Chief of Staff Al Spencer—widely acknowledged as one of the hardest-working and most effective on Capitol Hill.

Upon his election to the House in 2002, JO faced enormous expectations in continuing the legacy established by his two outstanding predecessors and mentors. But JO had listened and observed closely over the years and quickly established himself as a leader in our state's delegation and the House, achieving influence through his knowledge, attention to detail, diligence, and ability to form personal relationships.

A constant passion of JO BONNER has been to promote economic opportunity and thereby improve the quality of life for citizens in the First District and the State of Alabama. He played a key role in such seminal economic development victories as the ThyssenKrupp steel complex, the Austal contract for construction of new ships for the U.S. Navy, and the decision by Airbus to build its new plant in Mobile. These transformational projects will provide a solid foundation for the South Alabama economy and indeed the economy of our entire state for decades to come.

JO is keenly aware of the importance of the Gulf to the economy and identity of the Mobile area. He has been an ardent supporter of the Port of Alabama. After the devastation caused by Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina, JO mobilized the full resources of his office to bring needed relief to storm victims and accelerate economic recovery. Our delegation turned to him for guidance after the disastrous BP-Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. JO's skillful leadership in navigating the RESTORE Act into public law was a testament to his successful ability to move complex legislation in a thoughtful and inclusive manner. The RESTORE ACT is a signature accomplishment that will have long-lasting benefits for the Gulf Coast economy and help assure the environmental protection of the Gulf waters.

JO has taken special pride in providing the best level of service to his constituents. His high school workshops have touched thousands of students in South Alabama. A stalwart supporter of veterans, JO helped establish the Alabama State Veterans Cemetery in Spanish Fort to honor the service of our men and women in uniform. He has placed an emphasis on open communications with his constituents and the news media.

For the many of us who deeply care about this institution, JO has stood out as a Member dedicated to making the House of Representatives work as the American people rightfully expect. A principled conservative, he commitment has been to a fair legislative process, to bridging political divides, and to civility. JO was appointed to the important Appropriations Committee and entrusted to serve in the position of Chairman of the Ethics Committee during the 112th Congress. We have all gained enormously from his sound judgment and wise advice.

JO will be the first to admit that none of his achievements would have been possible without the support of his lovely wife Janee and his children, Robin and Lee. We thank them for sharing JO with us and our nation.

Now, JO will be entering a new phase in public life as the Vice Chancellor for Economic Development and Government Relations for the University of Alabama System. His presence and counsel will further strengthen an educational institution in which Alabamians rightly take tremendous pride and which is an asset of incalculable value to our beloved state.

We will greatly miss JO BONNER as a colleague and friend, but know that he will continue to work with all of his considerable talents and energy to improve the lives of the people of Alabama.

Our tribute today is just a small way of showing how much we appreciate JO and how much he has meant to us and to the institution to which he has devoted so much of his life, the United States House of Representatives. On his last day of service representing Alabama's First Congressional District, we want JO to know that he and his family have our most heartfelt best wishes and will continue to be in our prayers as they enter an exciting new chapter in their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

July 31—Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 426 on HR 1911—Motion to Concur with the Senate Amendment, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 427 on passage of HR 850, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

August 1—Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 428 on the Waxman amendment to HR 1582—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 429 on the Connolly amendment to HR 1582, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 430 on the Murphy amendment to HR 1582—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 431 on the Capps motion to recommit HR 1582, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 432 on passage of HR 1582, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 433 ordering the previous question on H. Res. 322, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 434 on adoption of H. Res. 322, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 435 on HR 1897, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 436 on passage of HR 2879, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

August 2—Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 437 on the Scalise amendment to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 on the Smith amendment to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 439 on the Latham amendment to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 440 on the Nadler amendment to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 441 on the Johnson amendment to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no". Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 442 on the Jackson Lee amendment

to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted “no”. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 443 on the Moore amendment to HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted “no”. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 444 on the Kuster motion to recommit HR 367—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted “no”. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 445 on passage of HR 367, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 446 on the Nolan motion to recommit HR 2009—, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted “no”. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 447 on passage of HR 2009, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NANTY GLO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Nanty Glo Volunteer Fire Department on its one hundredth anniversary, and to thank our brave volunteers for their service.

The Nanty Glo Volunteer Fire Department was founded on June 14, 1913 in a garage with only a two-wheeled, hand-drawn cart. In the one hundred years since its founding, the fire department has grown to six vehicles and many more volunteers. These volunteers provide critical services to their community including fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency rescue.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize the Nanty Glo Volunteer Fire Department on its one hundredth year of service. I join the residents of Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania in remembering the firefighters who have served with this fire department through the past century, and I extend my thanks, best wishes and congratulations to the brave men and women who continue to serve their community with pride, selflessness, and dedication.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 432 I was unavoidably detained in a meeting at the White House with the President. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

CELEBRATING 80TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. PAUL PAYNE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 80th birthday of Dr. Paul Payne, and thank him for his medical service to the community of Marietta, Georgia.

Dr. Payne has led a most storied and purposeful life. In 1933, Dr. Payne was born in New York, before moving to China at the age of two and starting school in Korea. But with threats of war, he boarded the last boat back to America before China entered World War Two in 1941. He settled in Atlanta, where he would finish high school at age 16, and finished his undergraduate degree at Maryville College in Tennessee in only three years before attending the Medical College of Georgia.

After becoming an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Payne helped to found Marietta Orthopedics in 1964, which was renamed Pinnacle in 1997. Throughout his career, he has worked tirelessly and passionately to help the sick get back to full health. With a truly inspiring attitude, he maintains that the most gratifying part of his job is to fix people and watch them get well. Notably, he loves working with children, and said that “when you love the work you do, then it is not considered work.”

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Payne performed the first total hip replacement in Cobb County, was named to the Wellstar Kennestone Hospital Board of Directors in 1984—where he remains today, received the NRCC Georgia Physician of the Year award in 2006, and received the 2007 Congressional Order of Merit.

But aside from his impressive professional life, he has remained one of the finest citizens and fathers that I know, and is a great community role-model. He has instilled great values in his four wonderful children, and has remained an active Rotary Club member for several years.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th District of Georgia, I would like to extend a very happy birthday to Dr. Payne, recognize him for his exceptional work in the medical field, and thank him for being a great role-model for others in the community.

RECOGNIZING 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF MURPHY THEATRE IN WILMINGTON, OHIO

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 95th anniversary of the Murphy Theatre in Wilmington, Ohio.

The Murphy Theatre was financed by Chicago Cubs owner and Wilmington native Charles Webb Murphy. Many thought the construction of a 1,000 seat theatre was much too large for a town of 5,000, but the theatre soon became a hub of activity for the area. After its completion in 1918, the Murphy Theatre hosted many traveling shows and performers. Its popularity quickly grew, and the Murphy

Theatre began hosting additional community events—soon finding itself as a focal point in the Wilmington community.

Throughout its history, the Murphy Theatre has hosted plays, musicals, and graduations in addition to other events. In the early 1990's, the Murphy Theatre was the set location for the film *Lost in Yonkers*. The renovations from the set creation allowed for the theatre to begin hosting movies. The theatre now serves as a community center hosting weekly movie nights, traveling shows, plays, and musicals.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Murphy Theatre for celebrating its 95th anniversary. The members of the community in Wilmington have worked hard to preserve the theatre throughout time and have played a crucial role in helping the theatre adapt to the changing forms of entertainment throughout history. It is my honor to represent in Congress such dedicated members of the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MICHAEL LOYDS' 29 YEARS OF SERVICES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Loyd for the outstanding commitment and dedication he has demonstrated to the community and our nation throughout his 29 years of service in law enforcement. Michael Loyd began his law enforcement career as a police officer with the El Cajon Police Department. Soon after, Michael Loyd joined the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as an investigator, where he was one of the original investigators assigned to the Specialized Drug Enforcement Narcotics Team. In 1994, Michael Loyd joined the Attorney General's office as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, first in the Orange County office, and later in the San Diego office. In 2001, Michael Loyd began serving on the Imperial County Narcotics Task Force, where he is currently the Senior Commander. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Michael Loyd for his selfless commitment to protecting and serving our nation and commend him for his long and distinguished service in law enforcement.

IN RECOGNITION OF RITA WILLIAMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rita Williams, an exceptional journalist whose image and voice have been beamed into Bay Area living rooms for four decades. She is retiring from KTVU after 35 years at the station.

Rita is a top-notch reporter and superb storyteller. I know from first-hand experience that she is fair, professional and that she won't give any elected official a pass. Rita has earned the adoration and admiration from her colleagues, her interviewees and her viewers.