

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of December 2nd 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Monday December 2, 2013: rollcall No. 612: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3547, "yea"; rollcall No. 613: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3588, "yea"; rollcall No. 614: On Approving the Journal, "aye."

Tuesday December 3, 2013: rollcall No. 615: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 255, "yea"; rollcall No. 616: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2719, "yea"; rollcall No. 617: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1204, "yea."

Wednesday December 4, 2013: rollcall No. 618: On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 429, "nay"; rollcall No. 619: On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 429, "nay"; rollcall No. 620: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1105, "yea"; rollcall No. 621: On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1105, "aye"; rollcall No. 622: On Passage, H.R. 1105, "aye."

Thursday December 5, 2013: rollcall No. 623: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3309, "aye"; rollcall No. 624: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3309, "aye"; rollcall No. 625: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3309, "No"; rollcall No. 626: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3309, "aye"; rollcall No. 627: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3309, "aye"; rollcall No. 628: On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3309, "No"; rollcall No. 629: On Passage, H.R. 3309, "aye."

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRAVINGS BAKERY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cravings Bakery of Allenhurst, New Jersey on its 25th Anniversary. Cravings Bakery continues to provide quality products and outstanding customer service to the local community.

Wanting to share her passion for cookies with others, Jan Walker opened Cravings Bakery in the fall of 1988. She met her husband, Stu Kramer, while working at the bakery through his aunt, a customer. Less than a year later they were married, and they've been working in the bakery together ever since.

The bakery offers a variety of homemade baked goods, including cookies, muffins, scones, danish, brownies, cakes and pies. It also offers coffee, cappuccino and lattes, which are enjoyed by a group of regular customers known as the "Coffee Clatch."

Its exceptional desserts and service make Cravings Bakery a premier establishment for

the Allenhurst and surrounding communities to enjoy. For 10 years in a row, Cravings Bakery was voted "Best Desserts" in Monmouth and Ocean Counties by the readers of the Asbury Park Press.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Cravings Bakery on its 25th Anniversary. Jan and Stu's hard work and commitment to quality are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

## REFORMING OUR BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, the time to reform our broken immigration system is long overdue. Our system does not meet the needs of families or businesses. I have met with people throughout our district to understand what our uneven, unfair, and unjust immigration system costs our businesses, our families, and our society at large—a cost to our national ideals, as well as a cost in dollars and cents. I have joined the group of dedicated activists who have for nearly a month been fasting on the National Mall, in the shadows of the Capitol, to call attention to the plight of the 11 million individuals who are Americans but for a piece of paper. The time is now to bring them out of the shadows.

My colleagues may have noticed, as have various advocacy groups, that I have not signed on as cosponsor of H.R. 15, the legislation that has recently taken shape as the leading immigration reform bill. The fact of the matter is that we can, and we should, do better. I do support strongly the legislation authored by my friend and colleague from Arizona, Representative RAÚL GRIJALVA. It is a strong, progressive approach to reforming our broken system.

In fact, the Grijalva bill is superior to H.R. 15. It targets and prioritizes border enforcement in an intelligent way to where and how it is needed most—to protect us from serious criminals and terrorist threats. It improves conditions for immigrant detainees and protects family unity by prohibiting separation of families with children. It protects workers' rights and keeps immigration enforcement in the hands of the appropriate authorities—the federal government, not local police.

Whatever legislative vehicle immigration reform takes, it must contain a legal, controlled pathway to citizenship for the undocumented immigrants who keep our economy moving and to repair a tear in our social fabric. It must promote family reunification by reducing two decade-long family backlogs and reuniting spouses, parents, and children to together pursue the American Dream. It must build on the success of President Obama's Deferred Action program and incorporate DREAMers—those who were brought to the U.S. at a young age through no wrongdoing of their own—into the mainstream of American society so they can continue to make beneficial contributions not only to our economy, but to our diverse society. It must satisfy the needs of American employers. And it must ensure

smart, targeted, and reasonable immigration enforcement that protects American society from serious criminals and real threats.

H.R. 15 is not the bill I would have written—nor do I believe it is the bill that will ultimately become law—do not want to appear to be delaying reform. I call upon Speaker BOEHNER and the Republican leadership to immediately bring to the floor for our consideration legislation to reform our immigration laws.

When it comes to something as important as fixing our broken immigration system, we should not settle for less than the American people deserve.

## CONGRATULATING KATHY LONG

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long, a long-standing community leader whose commitment to Ventura County has been immeasurable over the years.

Currently serving her fifth term as Supervisor to Ventura County's 3rd District, Kathy's dedication to the residents of Ventura County is reflected in her extensive work as a public servant. Since first being elected to the position in 1996, Kathy has made it her mission to strengthen our economy, ensure a sustainable environment, and create a safe community for all families. Her lengthy career in public service shows her unwavering passion for representing Ventura County and its residents, as well as always advocating for the region's best interests.

Kathy's lifelong work has always embodied the true definition of dedication, public service and community. She currently serves as the Board of Supervisor's representative on the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County where her efforts focus on the economic development of Ventura County through the attraction, preservation and expansion of local businesses. Kathy was most recently elected as their Board of Directors Chair for 2013.

Over her career of more than 16 years as Supervisor, Kathy has taken on many leadership positions and has effectively represented our community's needs and prosperity. She served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2000, 2005, and 2010.

To honor all that she has done for Ventura County including her extensive work and advocacy for a strong and vital economy, the Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties Chambers of Commerce Alliance has recognized Kathy with the Lawmaker of the Year Award. This is a fitting and well-deserved accolade that represents the caliber of work that Kathy performs on a daily basis. Kathy's pledge to the economic vitality of Ventura County and the strengthening of our workforce makes her a fitting recipient of this honorable recognition.

I have personally known Kathy for many years and I am pleased to join the Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties Chambers of Commerce Alliance in honoring my friend and colleague, Supervisor Kathy Long.

THE PASSING OF ARMY STAFF  
SERGEANT LONDON LEO  
HENSCHIED

### HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated soldier and young patriot who survived his war injuries, but died tragically after a protracted battle with cancer. Army Staff Sergeant Landon Leo Henschied of Alpine, Utah, was initially paralyzed from injuries he received while serving as a field medic in Afghanistan. Subsequent surgery for those injuries relieved his paralysis, but revealed cancer in his spine. For 18 months, the 24-year-old soldier fought valiantly, but ultimately lost his battle with cancer on Pearl Harbor Day.

Staff Sgt. Henschied loved serving as a field medic and caring for those with whom he served. He had a tremendous capacity to love other people. He developed strong bonds with the men and women in his unit—bonds which lasted long after their deployments ended. Upon their return from deployment, friends knew they were welcome at the Henschied home, where at one point a few of them lived in an RV in the driveway that Henschied's father called, "The Barracks."

Always a fan of a good adrenalin rush, Staff Sgt. Henschied did not fear danger. According to his mother, he loved driving fast—whether he was on his motorcycle, his 4-wheeler or a boat. He loved jumping out of airplanes. Just before deploying, he even bungee jumped from the Las Vegas Stratosphere. His plans for the future included serving in Special Operations.

Staff Sgt. Henschied is fortunate to come from a remarkable family whose sacrifices on his behalf—and on behalf of the United States of America—deserve our heartfelt gratitude. The Henschied family cared for three Wounded Warrior sons—two of their own sons and a son-in-law. They also welcomed into their home other young men who served beside their own sons, providing both physical and emotional support as these brave young men acclimated to post-war life and dealt with their invisible injuries. All of Staff Sgt. Henschied's immediate family went to great lengths to be with him during his battle with cancer. His mother relocated to Maryland from Utah to assist him. His oldest brother, Cody, a recipient of the Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal w/V device and Purple Heart due to his 2006 injuries in Afghanistan, visited along with his wife Teera. They lived in North Dakota at the time. His sister Rheanna, whose husband Jacob Henry also sustained injuries while serving in Army Civil Affairs in Afghanistan, made the trip from Elko, Nevada. And his youngest brother Hayden and wife Lexi took multiple trips to Maryland from their home in

North Dakota to help provide support and care.

In addition, Staff Sgt. Henschied enjoyed the love and support of the men who had lived with his family upon their return home from deployments and became like brothers. In particular, Benjamin Judd, who served in Iraq with Cody; Brian Jones, who also served in Iraq with Cody and again in Afghanistan with Landon; and Jacob Henry, who served on Landon Henschied's first tour and eventually married his sister.

We honor the tremendous personal sacrifice of Staff Sgt. Henschied's family. He leaves behind his parents, Don and Janet Henschied, two brothers and a sister. In addition, he leaves behind many of his military brothers who were like family to him.

The contributions of this great American family reflect the tremendous spirit of service and sacrifice that have for so long preserved our freedom. I wish to honor the Henschied family's example of selfless service and commitment to family.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Staff Sgt. Landon Henschied, as well as the sacrifices of his and other families across this great nation. We can never repay them the debt we owe for their efforts to protect our freedom.

### RECOGNIZING CLARENCE TODD TAYLOR

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Clarence Todd Taylor of Urbana, Illinois. Mr. Taylor has been a cornerstone of the Champaign-Urbana community for decades.

He was born on September 21st, 1961 and found his life's passion only a few short years later. That passion, was music.

Clarence was an avid celloist, pianist, organist, and accompanist.

He shared his passion and skill with aspiring musicians and singers, always desiring to be a strong role model and mentor.

Clarence was the Minister of Music at Salem Baptist Church and Music Director at The Church Of The Living God. He was also involved with the Urbana school district and countless other musical groups throughout his lifetime.

He saw music as a way to share and express his love for his savior, Jesus Christ.

Mr. Taylor loved only two things more than music, God and his family. He leaves behind a wife and ten wonderful children as well as countless other family members and friends.

In Clarence's obituary it said that Heaven must have needed an accompanist. Well, they

got a great one. But, Heaven also got a warm, humble, and loving man who always put others before himself.

Clarence will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and community. May God eternally enjoy his music.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 630, I was unable to cast my vote for rollcall No. 630 because my flight from Seattle was delayed.

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

### HONORING THE PICAYUNE HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a group of young men from Picayune, Mississippi who have fought tirelessly at reaching their goal of becoming Mississippi's 5A State Champions. I'm referring to Picayune Panthers High School football team.

The leadership of a dedicated coaching staff paired with the commitment from tremendous student athletes, the Panthers overtook their opponents with a final score of 42–35, earning them the state title and ending their winning season with a record of 12–2.

This team calls themselves "The Maroon Tide" and for good reason. These student athletes face hardships, physically and mentally, in balancing their school work, attending countless practices, and spending time with their families. As a student athlete, I remember how exhausting it was to come home late from a long day of practice, but only the best memories come to mind when the hard work paid off, as it has for this team.

All tides rise and fall, all leaders face hardships. But no matter how far a tide strays from shore, it always rises to the occasion, just as this team has done.

It is a privilege to represent these young men in the House of Representatives and my pleasure to congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishment of bringing home the state title. The Picayune High School Varsity Football team is the epitome of a successful team.