

RAYANNA ANDERSON AND THE
SMALL BUSINESS AND TECH-
NOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rayanna Anderson for her service as Director of the Small Business and Technology Development Center, SBTDC, at Missouri State University.

Throughout her tenure as the SBTDC director at Missouri State University, Rayanna and her staff have consulted with over 605 small businesses and helped business owners obtain over \$54 million in financing and investments. Their efforts towards helping small businesses have had a profound economic impact for Southwest Missouri. In 2009 alone, the SBTDC helped 170 local small businesses retain or create over 1,500 jobs while boosting sales by over \$21 million.

To recognize these achievements, the U.S. Small Business Administration recently awarded the SBTDC at Missouri State University its Region VII Small Business Development Center Excellence and Innovation Award, an honor that this center certainly merits.

SBTDC programs fulfill a vital role in our economy by fostering small business growth, which provides most jobs in America. The start-up and growth of small businesses is a crucial component of our economy's success because roughly 60 percent of all jobs in America are provided by small businesses. They are also a key source of innovation and creation, measures that further enhance economic growth. For people who are new to business, assistance with funding or receiving sound advice can be invaluable in making a business succeed.

The SBTDC at Missouri State University plays an important role for Southwest Missouri businesses, and Rayanna Anderson's leadership has been outstanding. I am proud of her, her staff, and of the center's accomplishments, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing her for her outstanding efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, from April 16, 2013, through April 18, 2013, I missed rollcall vote numbers 106–117 as I was in London as part of the official delegation representing the U.S. House of Representatives at the funeral of Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 106: “yea” (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013); rollcall No. 107: “yea” (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2013); rollcall No. 108: “yea” (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of

2013); rollcall No. 109: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Resolution—Providing for consideration of H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act); rollcall No. 110: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Rogers of Michigan Amendment No. 1); rollcall No. 111: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 2); rollcall No. 112: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Langevin of Rhode Island Amendment No. 4); rollcall No. 113: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Sinema of Arizona Amendment No. 7); rollcall No. 114: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment LaMalfa of California Amendment No. 9); rollcall No. 115: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment McCaul of Texas Amendment); rollcall No. 116: “nay” (On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act); rollcall No. 117: “yea” (On Passage—Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act).

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF RYAN ROTH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Ryan Roth of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ryan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ryan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Perrysburg High School, in Perrysburg, Ohio, Ryan was on the High Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Ryan was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. During Ryan's senior year, he was the team captain of the wrestling team and a student council representative. I am confident that Ryan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ryan Roth on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ryan will excel during his career at the Military Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO ROYDA KIMBALL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Royda Kimball, as she retires as the Chief Assignable for the Colorado State Senate, after 33 years of dedicated public service to the State of Colorado.

Royda served under six Colorado governors, starting with John Vanderhoof in 1974 and finishing with John Hickenlooper in 2012. She worked with nine Senate presidents, from Fred Anderson to Brandon Schaffer. She has helped, cajoled, and tutored literally hundreds of Colorado state senators, including me.

Royda was a tireless and dedicated state worker. In March of 2003, she suffered a heart attack and was back at work in a week. In March of 2004, she was diagnosed with cancer, underwent surgery, and was back on the job nine days later.

Royda Kimball exemplifies what it means to be a true public servant. Colorado citizens—not just elected state officials—benefited from her expertise and her professionalism. She kept the wheels of the Colorado State Senate moving for a third of a century. She is truly irreplaceable and her dedicated service will not be forgotten. She will be missed by many at the State Capitol, but we are fortunate to still have her on hand as a dear friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOMMY LEONARD

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tommy Leonard on receiving the esteemed Heritage Award from the Falmouth Historical Society. The award commemorates Mr. Leonard's 40 years as a community leader through his athletic and charitable endeavors.

Falmouth's famous Great American Road Race was born from Mr. Leonard's love of running and community. The original idea for Falmouth's marquee event came to Mr. Leonard in 1972 when he was working as a bartender. As a long-time runner and unabashed fan of the sport, Mr. Leonard was enthralled by the efforts of Frank Shorter, the first American to win the Olympic Marathon in over 60 years. On that day in 1972, Mr. Shorter's historic effort in the Munich Olympics inspired Mr. Leonard to create a new tradition on Cape Cod. With assistance from Falmouth's track coach, John Carroll, and its recreation director, Rich Sherman, Mr. Leonard organized the town's first summer road race in 1973. Interest in the race grew, attracting such stars as “Boston” Billy Rodgers in 1974 and Frank Shorter himself in 1975. Today, Falmouth is considered one of the top races in the country and featured over 10,000 runners in 2011.

Mr. Leonard continued to organize Falmouth's annual race, while shepherding kindred events in Nantucket, Holyoke, and Westfield, Massachusetts. The 20-time Boston Marathon participant is renowned for his generous

spirit, tirelessly working to bring joy or aid to others. As a bartender at the beloved Eliot Lounge in Boston, Mr. Leonard maintained an emergency fund to assist members of the community in need. In 1991, he co-founded the annual Falmouth Walk, which raised \$28,000 for local charities in 2011 alone. Each November, Mr. Leonard has sought to honor his fellow veterans by commemorating the Marine Corps' birthday with a reception at his restaurant. Over the years, Mr. Leonard has dedicated himself to countless charitable causes.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Tommy Leonard for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. His passion has made a lasting impact on the Falmouth community, forging bonds between residents and attracting visitors from across the globe. I ask that you join me in thanking Mr. Leonard for a lifetime of service and advocacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 103, H.R. 1162—GAO Improvement Act, "yea" on rollcall No. 104, H.R. 882—The Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013 and "no" on rollcall No. 105, H.R. 249—Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE TIBBITS OPERA HOUSE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, Michigan, a cultural icon in my district that has excelled in arts and entertainment for 130 years. Having recently completed a stunning restoration of the building's facade, the community will be holding a celebration this weekend to dedicate the restoration and tell the story of the people that preserved it.

Built in 1882, Tibbits is the second oldest operating theater in Michigan. The 499 seat venue operates year round, enriching the area with professional and community theater programs, community events, concerts and youth theater productions. Strategically located on the primary thoroughfare between Chicago and Detroit, it has hosted many notable performers and acts over the years, ranging from P.T. Barnum and John Philip Sousa to Mickey Rooney and Jeff Daniels. From early vaudeville performances to a spell as a movie house, Tibbits has served as the cultural center of the area.

As early as the 1950s, locals recognized the need to safeguard this treasure for future generations and formed a group committed to the preservation of the theater. After falling into

disrepair and facing the threat of demolition, a group raised funds to pay off owed taxes. Further updates and improvements have taken place over the years, the most impressive being the authentic restoration of the building's facade. Using photographic and field evidence, craftsmen meticulously restored the theater to its original French Second Empire design using locally selected materials. The effort has certainly paid off, earning a 2013 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. But even more important than the accolades, the project ignited an enthusiasm among the residents, businesses and other area organizations, who gave of their time and finances to support the restoration. The renewed sense of pride displayed by the community has been apparent, and I'm heartened by their appreciation for the past and hard work to ensure its preservation for future generations.

Today, Tibbits Opera House continues to be a landmark that has drawn visitors to Coldwater for many generations and I suspect, Mr. Speaker, will continue to do so. With an annual attendance of nearly 30,000, there is rarely an evening when the stage is not in use. I commend my colleagues to take a trip to Coldwater if ever possible and enjoy a show, and I look forward to joining the Tibbits community at this weekend's festivities to celebrate this testament to preservation.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JAMES SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that James Smith of Walbridge, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

James' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

James brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending St. Francis De Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, James was on the President's List, recognized as a Student of Excellence, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, James was a member of his school's wrestling and crew teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, James participated in the 2012 Model United Nations and the 4.5 Poverty Immersion Experience. I am confident that James will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James Smith on the accept-

ance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that James will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING ROBERT EARL HOLDING

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize and honor Robert Earl Holding, a man who throughout his life influenced Idaho and the West significantly. He was a veteran, a civil engineer, a businessman, a husband of 64 years, and a father of three. He passed away on April 19th, at age 86, after a long and rewarding life.

Among his many accomplishments, Earl Holding turned a struggling motel into a hugely successful chain of ski resorts and hotels, and owned Sinclair Oil Corporation. He acquired Idaho's Sun Valley Resort, and turned it into a world-class destination and a pillar in Idaho. He also was a key figure in attracting the 2002 Winter Olympics to Salt Lake City. Most of all, however, he loved the West.

Perhaps his most positive impact in Idaho began in 1977 when he bought the Sun Valley ski resort in central Idaho. He invested millions of dollars into Sun Valley, making it one of the most famous ski resorts in the United States. Today Sun Valley remains one of the most popular destinations in Idaho and a first-class resort for all seasons.

Mr. Holding is a true example of the American dream, rising from the hardships of the Great Depression to become one of the most successful business people in the world. Although we have lost a famous entrepreneur, a family man, and an American, we won't forget Robert Earl Holding, nor his many contributions to Idaho and the West.

HONORING DR. ROBERT PRICE

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. Robert Price, Superintendent of the Empire Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Dr. Price began his teaching career in Turlock in 1973. In November of 1981, he received his first administrative assignment as Assistant Principal at Monte Vista Middle School in Tracy. In July of 1982, he was appointed Principal of Monte Vista Middle School; and in 1987, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services in Tracy and served as Interim Superintendent for one year. Dr. Price is concluding his career at Empire Union School District after 20 years as Superintendent.

Dr. Robert Price is a veteran in the integration of technology into the educational process. He is a founding TICAL Cadre member