

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD J.
CLAYTON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard J. Clayton on his selection as the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2013 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Clayton's contributions to his community are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Richard Clayton grew up in Spring Lake, New Jersey, graduating from St. Catharine's School in Spring Lake and Manasquan High School. He lived in Spring Lake with his wife Linda until 1980, when they moved to nearby Manasquan where they remain today. Mr. Clayton currently serves as President and co-owner of Clayton Livery Service in Spring Lake, which his family founded in 1917.

He began working at Clayton Livery Service after completing two years of higher education at Ocean County College and began a full-time career there in 1977. In addition to his employment at the Livery Service, Mr. Clayton also spent time working at a local funeral home, which has been an asset in the advancement of the Livery Service.

Mr. Clayton is a member of the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, a member of the Spring Lake Downtown Steering Committee and Chairman of the Board of the Spring Lake Business Improvement District (BID). In addition to his role of Chairman of BID, he also serves on its Land Use Committee, Management Committee and Design Committee.

Not only is Mr. Clayton an active member of the Spring Lake business district, he is also active in the community. Together with his family, he began a LGB train display to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch and the Spring Lake Community House. Since beginning the display in their office, they have raised over \$65,000 for the charities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me once again in honoring Richard Clayton as the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2013 Citizen of the Year. His dedication and service to the Spring Lake community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN
BRANDON CYR**

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of Captain Brandon Cyr of the United States Air Force. Captain Cyr died in the Zabul province of Afghanistan when the MC-12 Liberty aircraft he was commanding crashed on April 27, 2013. He was a member of the 906th Air Refueling Squadron within the 375th Air Mobility Wing.

Captain Cyr, a former Oswego, Illinois resident, grew up in a military family. From a young age, he knew he wanted to serve his country, and in 2009 he was assigned to Scott

Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois. Over the course of his four deployments, Captain Cyr accumulated more than 1,700 hours of flight time, 900 of which were in combat. Commander Colonel David Almand, of the 375th Air Mobility Wing, called him "an outstanding pilot, and a dedicated airman."

Captain Cyr's patriotism, commitment and service are an example to us all. He made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and his legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of his friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Captain Brandon Cyr. Our thoughts are with his loved ones, especially his parents, Phillip and Debbie Cyr. He will be deeply missed.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ERIE
TIMES-NEWS ON THEIR 125TH AN-
NIVERSARY**

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the Erie Times-News is celebrating its 125th anniversary of providing its readers with keen and extensive coverage of all relevant news and events.

The very first Erie Times-News newspaper was published on April 12, 1888, with the headline, "Erie's Opportunity," at the price of 2 cents per issue. Having begun in a basement with only nine employees, the paper has flourished into a well-respected company that is a staple among the Erie community.

Within the past decade, the Erie Times-News was named Pennsylvania's "Newspaper of the Year" twice. In 2012, it was honored as one of "10 Newspapers That Do It Right" by Editor & Publisher. These accomplishments attest to the outstanding reputation the Erie Times-News has achieved in outputting valuable information.

I congratulate the Erie Times-News on the 9th day of May in the year 2013. I praise the paper for its devotion to covering all major events and breaking news stories throughout the Erie region over the past 125 years. The Erie Times-News continues to be an iconic media operation and is justly valued by the communities it serves.

**HONORING ROCHESTER AREA HIGH
SCHOOLS FOR BEING NAMED
AMONG AMERICA'S BEST HIGH
SCHOOLS**

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 14 distinguished high schools in Monroe County, New York for being included in Newsweek and The Daily Beast's 2013 list of America's Best High Schools. I am honored to represent this community, which values the enrichment of a quality education and demands the best of its students, and in turn, its future workforce.

America's Best High Schools are schools that have proven to be the most effective in

turning out college-ready graduates. An astounding 14 schools from my congressional district were chosen, including: Brighton High School, Brockport High School, Churchville-Chili Central School, East Rochester Jr./Sr. High School, Eastridge High School, Fairport High School, Irondequoit High School, Penfield High School, Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, School of the Arts, Webster Thomas High School, and Webster Schroeder High School.

These remarkable schools scored at the top of the country in graduation rates, college acceptance rates, and enrollment and success in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, among several other criteria. Rochester's commitment to education is truly remarkable; thanks to the dedication of the many school administrators, teachers, parents, and students who understand that a quality high school education provides a critical foundation for future opportunities and endeavors, both personal and professional.

Please join me in congratulating these 14 outstanding Rochester area high schools and let us strive to provide all children with an education of the caliber offered by these schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on May 6, 2013, I missed rollcall votes No. 129–131 due to illness. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

**THE OCCASION OF STAFF SER-
GEANT CHARLES L. AARON III'S
TRANSFER FROM THE UNITED
STATES MARINE CORPS LIAISON
OFFICE**

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Charles L. Aaron III, U.S. Marine Corps, on the occasion of his transfer from the Marine Corps liaison office. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past three years that he has served as part of Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs and as the Congressional Liaison Staff Non-Commissioned Officer of the U.S.M.C. Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Everyday he served in direct support of not only the Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs, but in support of every member of Congress. His keen abilities in organization, interpersonal relationships, and communication were extremely critical to the successful accomplishment of the Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs' mission of serving the U.S. Congress.

While serving in the Liaison office, Staff Sergeant Aaron was able to develop and execute the legislative strategy for the U.S. Marine

Corps that was instrumental in creating a fiscal and policy landscape conducive to training and equipping the nation's most elite fighting force, which has helped to ensure our Marines success on the battlefield.

He routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. His actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving congressional relationships—a cornerstone of the Commandant of the Marine Corps' strategic vision.

The Marine Corps House of Representatives Liaison Office that Staff Sergeant Aaron leaves behind is responsive, highly integrated, and favors a proactive legislative strategy. While helping to lead the House Liaison Office through the extraordinary challenges associated with two ongoing wars he concurrently ensured that a myriad of daily congressional communications, taskings and events were executed flawlessly.

During Staff Sergeant Aaron's tour as the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer, he accomplished the full spectrum of the Marine Corps' legislative mission. He exemplified the candor and knowledge that we have come to expect from the Marine Corps and he played a key role in maintaining superb relationships between the Marine Corps and the House of Representatives.

Throughout his tour, Staff Sergeant Aaron effectively responded to several thousand congressional inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. During his time on Capitol Hill, Staff Sergeant Aaron successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic congressional and staff delegations. His detailed coordination with foreign government officials, U.S. State Department, and senior military officials ensured that each delegation was conducted professionally and flawlessly. His attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed representatives to focus on fact-finding and glean new insights to make informed critical decisions to support the interests of the people of the United States. He has made lasting contributions to the House of Representatives and for that I am eternally grateful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 135, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 1406, requiring the GAO to report to Congress on the use of and complaints related to compensatory time allowed under the FLSA. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to cast my vote on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1406, the Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013, rollcall No. 136. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was also unable to cast my vote on H.R. 1406, the Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013, rollcall No. 137. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to cast my vote On Ordering the Previous Question, rollcall no 138. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to cast my vote On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 202, rollcall No. 139. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORTING WORKING MOMS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing an important piece of legislation, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act with my colleagues Ms. MOORE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS.

The health benefits of breastfeeding, to both mother and child, are significant. Scientific studies show babies who are breastfed the first six months of life have a greatly reduced risk for acute and chronic disease, yet only ten percent of all infants in the U.S. are breastfed.

A 2001 USDA study found that if just half of the babies in the U.S. were exclusively breastfed for six months (as recommended by the United States Surgeon General), our nation would realize a savings of \$3.6 billion in health care costs for the three leading childhood illnesses alone. According to the United States Breastfeeding Committee, if we replicate that study based on current breastfeeding statistics, the savings could reach nearly \$11 billion in health care costs for all childhood illnesses in a single year.

I was so proud to partner with Senator JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR) to pass into law a provision of our bill, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 (H.R. 2819, S. 1744), in comprehensive health care reform legislation signed by President Obama on March 23, 2010. The provision requires that employers provide breastfeeding employees, who are hourly workers, with "reasonable break time" and a private, non-bathroom place to express breast milk during the workday, up until the child's first birthday.

This was a great success but more work needs to be done. Our bill will further encourage and promote breastfeeding by removing common obstacles to breastfeeding and expressing milk in the workplace that many women face. This bill expands the requirement under current law for employers to provide break time to express breast milk, as well as make reasonable efforts to provide a private place for them to do so, to salaried workers in traditional work or office environments.

Public opinion and awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding continue to grow, and the momentum we've recently gained presents the perfect opportunity to build on that progress in achieving our goals.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation. The health and economic benefits of breastfeeding are overwhelming and public opinion and awareness of these benefits continue to grow. We must ensure that working moms who choose to breastfeed have the support they need to do so.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation.

REMEMBERING VINCENT ROPER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Vincent Roper, who passed away on April 4 of natural causes at the age of 79.

For decades, Vince and his wife Roberta worked tirelessly to advance victims' rights in Prince George's County and throughout Maryland, advocating for rights and support services for crime victims and their families as they heal and seek justice.

Vince and Roberta suffered an unimaginable tragedy in 1982 when their daughter, Stephanie, was murdered. Following this tragic crime, the Roper family wasn't permitted to observe the trial and was denied the right to address the court at the sentencing. Their frustration led them to establish the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, Inc., which is now known as the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center. The Center actively lobbies legislators in Annapolis and played a significant role in the passage of the Federal Crime Victims Rights Act, the Maryland Crime Victims Rights Act of 1997, and other legislation that is making a substantial difference in the lives of crime victims and their families in Maryland.

Born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in 1933, Vince later enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and was selected to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. A graduate of the class of 1956, he served our nation for thirty years as a naval officer and retired as a Captain. In addition to serving as the Treasurer of the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, he served our community as a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511, and the Naval Weather Service Association.

Prince George's County and the State of Maryland owe a great deal to Vince for his hard work and dedication to ensuring that every crime victim in Maryland is treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. I join our community in mourning his passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with Roberta and their family.

TRIBUTE TO JANET M. JOHNSON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Janet M. Johnson. Janet passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. A resident of Corona since 1968, she was a pillar of the community and will be deeply missed.

Beverly was born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Samuel N. and Elsie C. Miller. She attended a one-room schoolhouse until the eighth grade and graduated from Huntingdon High School. In the early 1950s, she and her sister Rachel moved west to Santa Monica, California, where Janet worked as a secretary at General Electric and the University of California, Los Angeles. At a dance at the Avalon Ballroom, she met her future