

and 189. If present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 188 and 189.

HONORING PISTA SA NAYON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 27th Annual Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon Festival.

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, the Pista Sa Nayon festival marks their 27th anniversary of the founding of the Philippine Cultural Committee of the Filipino Community of Solano County. This celebration is also the 115th anniversary of the Philippine independence from Spain.

Pista Sa Nayon is a yearly landmark festivity for the City of Vallejo, California and showcases the culture of Filipinos through a parade of colorful costumes, the sharing of traditional cuisine, and the appreciation of the cultural arts and music. Pista Sa Nayon has grown to be one of the largest free festivals in the State of California and will be celebrated by over 40,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Pista Sa Nayon Festival in Vallejo, California on the 27th anniversary of their momentous event. I join our colleagues in celebrating the Filipino Community of Solano County's rich history and wishing them a successful 27th year with many more to come.

HONORING THE BRICK STORE MUSEUM IN KENNEBUNK, MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I make this submission to correct a previous record statement printed on June 4, 2013, which erroneously named the location of the Brick Store Museum as Kennebunkport, Maine.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Brick Store Museum, located in historic Kennebunk, Maine, for achieving accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums.

Since 1936, the Brick Store Museum has offered generations of locals and visitors the opportunity to explore the rich history of one of Maine's most iconic communities.

The Brick Store Museum's focal point is a building constructed in 1825 as a dry goods store by William Lord. The exterior remains much the same as when it was built, giving today's visitors a glimpse of what life was like nearly 200 years ago.

I am proud of the museum's commitment to preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting Kennebunk's important role in our history. Many students have passed through its rooms, gaining knowledge, understanding, and a stronger attachment to the area where they have grown up.

I share the Brick Store Museum's belief that the history of our oldest towns is crucial to un-

derstanding where we are now and where we are headed. As Maine continues to advance into the future, the Brick Store Museum offers an important tether to our past.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 4, 2013, I was attending to family medical issues and unfortunately had to miss votes.

Had I been present in Washington, DC on Monday, June 4, 2013, my votes would have been as follows:

For rollcall No. 184, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1206, the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013, which allows for the purchase of duck stamps electronically, I would have voted "yes."

For rollcall No. 185, on suspending the rules and passing S. 622, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013, which reauthorizes two programs that collect and spend fees by the FDA to expedite the review and approval of drugs for use in animals, I would have voted "yes."

It is an honor to serve the people of the 13th Congressional District of Illinois.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DR. FLOYD RANDALL STAUFFER

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Dr. Floyd Randall Stauffer. I am submitting his prepared biography for the record, detailing his extensive accomplishments and contributions to our community:

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Maurice and Dorothy Stauffer, Dr. Stauffer graduated from Hyde Park High School in Chicago. He earned a B.S. Degree from the University of Chicago where he won the Big Ten medal for combined excellence in athletics and scholarship. He was first string guard on the Big Ten water polo championship squad, Phi Beta Kappa and received his B.S. degree in physiology in 1937 before earning his Master's of Science from Ohio State University in 1940. From 1940-1943, he attended medical school at Ohio State, receiving his MD in 1943. The day after he graduated from medical school, he married Mary Ruth Schuh who he described as "a brilliant doctor and first in her class."

Dr. Stauffer was commissioned in 1943 as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps for the United States Navy and interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Washington. He served as a "Beach Party Doctor" (triage) in the Pacific theater on the USS Audubon. In 1947, he was dedicated Navy Flight surgeon, School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida. Here he directed the human centrifuge program and instructed Navy pilots in acceleration forces and radial G-forces. He also conducted research on the G-suit, as well as experiments on human tolerance and "supine G-forces."

In 1948, he received his PhD from the University of Southern California's School of Medicine, Department of Physiology. The Stauffer family moved to Downey, California in 1954 where both he and his wife, Mary, continued to practice medicine. He also served as the Warren High School team doctor for twelve years and sponsored some of the athletic awards.

"Dal," as he was called by friends and family, began his swimming career in Lake Michigan and his diving career at church summer camp at the age of ten. YMCA and high school diving followed where he became Chicago's junior and senior diving champion. He performed exhibition diving at the 1934 World's Fair. He continued competing throughout college in club and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) regional competitions, winning many championships and was the All Navy Diving Champion in 1947. He went to the 1948 Olympic Trials, but finished seventh so he just missed making the team.

In 1962, he started swimming and diving with the Senior Olympics. In 1974, Dal went to Texas for the first Master's diving meet. Throughout his Master's career, Dr. Stauffer competed in 20 FINA Master's World Championships and 49 USA Master's National Diving Championships throughout the eight age groups beginning with 50-55. Active in the Master's program, Dal traveled throughout the country and around the world. He hosted Ukrainian and Lithuanian masters in his home, as well as diving officials from Denmark. In 2006, Dal was inducted into the International Master's Swimming Hall of Fame and in 2007, he was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame for the University of Chicago for swimming, diving and water polo. At 89, Dr. Stauffer decided to "dive for history," being the first to set a Master's diving record for a 90-year-old man.

In 1978, he discovered scuba diving and traveled to the best diving spots to pursue his newfound hobby. The highlight of this activity was a trip to New Guinea with one of his sons and a group headed by Jean Michele Cousteau, son of the famous undersea explorer, Jacques Cousteau.

In 1984, when Los Angeles hosted the summer Olympic games, Dal carried the torch for one kilometer at Salem, Oregon on July 8, 1984. He paid the \$3,000 for the privilege, most of which was donated to the Downey YMCA at his request, via the Torch Relay Foundation.

A lover of nature and animals, he took his family to visit many of the National Parks and to Africa. He also enjoyed spectator sports in addition to chess, bridge, the Japanese game of Go, reading, music and the theater. Annually, he created an original "transogram puzzle" for the family to complete on Christmas Eve. He maintained his digital dexterity for surgery by weaving baskets and crocheting placemats and tablecloths for family members. He was truly a "Renaissance Man" in every sense of the word.

I extend my most heartfelt condolences to Dr. Floyd Stauffer's wife, Dr. Mary Stauffer and her family—sons, Jim and John; and daughters, Dorothy Knight, Judi Saunders, and Janet Suzuki; grandchildren, Dawn Martens, Diane Saunders, Katherine Reich, Mary Owens, Alison Riley, Jessica Stauffer and Jordan Stauffer; and great-grandson, Phoenix Reich.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Dr. Stauffer's lifetime of achievements and long record of service to our country and our community. His significant contributions enriched the lives of many people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 204. If present, I would have voted “no” on rollcall vote 204.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 188 I mistakenly voted “aye” when I meant to vote “nay”.

HOUSE BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AS THE “VINCENT R. SOMBROTTO POST OFFICE” INTRODUCTION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office,” to honor this historic letter carrier leader and all the work he did as the president of National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

Mr. Sombrotto was one of the most significant labor leaders of his generation. As president of NALC from 1978 to 2002, Mr. Sombrotto worked to increase letter carrier wages, moving them from poverty level to middle class. To this day letter carriers benefit from Mr. Sombrotto’s commitment to the wage increases.

In 1992, he began the NALC food drive which has developed into the country’s biggest one-day food drive. Held on the second Saturday every May, it has to date, provided more than 1.2 billion pounds of food for banks in communities throughout the United States, with letter carriers collecting non-perishable food individuals and families leave in their mailboxes.

As a firm believer in civic responsibility, Mr. Sombrotto and the NALC worked with the United States Postal Service and emergency services organizations to establish Carrier Alert. This nationwide program allows carriers to perform heroic and humanitarian deeds on their routes including saving lives, finding missing children, looking over the elderly, and stopping crimes.

Mr. Sombrotto deserves our respect for the work he has done to help the lives of letter carriers, and their families, across the country. That is why I would like to rename the United

States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office.”

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL MALL REVITALIZATION AND DESIGNATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, last week while Congress was out of session, we had the kickoff for the second season of “Lunchtime Music on the Mall,” which brings local and regional musicians to the National Mall to perform during the lunchtime hour, giving visitors and particularly our federal and other office workers downtown a break from the pace of business in Washington and an opportunity to enjoy their National Mall. The performances, featuring amateur city and regional residents, are sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and the National Park Service (NPS), in conjunction with my office. To preserve and enhance the National Mall, a priceless space, I am reintroducing the National Mall Revitalization and Designation Act. Until the Trust for the National Mall was established in 2007, the National Mall was Washington’s most neglected and underutilized federal property, despite being well-known and treasured. The Trust for the National Mall is already making a noteworthy and important difference, and its plan will give the Mall the majesty it deserves. In the meantime, there is much that can be done, from defining the Mall’s official identity for the first time to adding low-cost basic amenities. My bill authorizes the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to expand the boundaries of the Mall where commemorative works may be located, requires NCPC to study the commemorative works process, and requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit a plan within 180 days of passage to Congress to enhance visitor enjoyment, amenities and cultural experiences on the Mall.

I worked closely with NCPC and other agencies in drafting the bill. The bill would give NCPC the responsibility and necessary flexibility to designate Mall areas for commemorative works and, for the first time, to expand the official Mall area when appropriate to accommodate future commemorative works and cultural institutions.

In addition, tourists and workers downtown should be able to walk to the Mall and hear music and other entertainment, from string quartets to solo singers during lunch at attractive tables where good—not fast—food is available. Residents of the city and region should be able to find space for fun and games on the Mall, beyond the space between Third Street and the Lincoln Memorial.

Bordered by world-class cultural institutions, the Mall need not continue to be reduced to a mere lawn with a few—too few—old, ordinary benches and a couple of fast food stands until the expansive work the Trust for the National Mall is completed. The plan by the Secretary of the Interior required by the bill would ensure chairs and tables for people who bring lunch to the Mall and the presence of cultural amen-

ities. The NPS has my thanks for implementing and indeed sponsoring the part of the bill that calls for cultural amenities with Lunchtime Music on the Mall, which began last week.

Lunchtime Music on the Mall is a good start to bringing the Mall alive during the workday. With the necessary imagination, making the Mall an inviting place with cultural and other amenities is achievable now.

The NCPC is well on its way to meeting the bill’s requirement for an expansive, 21st-century definition of the Mall, particularly now that the Trust for the National Mall is doing such important work. Frustrated by continually fighting off proposals for new monuments, museums, and memorials on the already-crowded Mall space, I asked the NCPC to devise a Mall presentation plan. In 2003, Congress amended the Commemorative Works Act to create a reserve area—a no-build zone where new memorials may not be built. This action was helpful in quelling some but by no means all of the demand from groups for placement of commemorative works on what they view as the Mall.

However, recognizing the need for more commemorative work sites, NCPC and the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) released a National Capital Framework Plan in 2009, which identifies sites near the Mall that are suitable for new commemorative works, including East Potomac Park, the Kennedy Center Plaza, and the new South Capitol gateway. Five new prestigious memorials are scheduled for such sites, including the Eisenhower Memorial and the U.S. Air Force Memorial. I appreciate that NCPC and the CFA work closely with the District of Columbia in designating off-Mall sites for new commemorative works. The District welcomes the expanded Mall into our local neighborhoods to increase the number of tourists who visit them, enhancing the work of the District of Columbia government and local organizations such as Cultural Tourism that offer tours of historic District neighborhoods. The off-Mall sites for commemorative works also complement development of entirely new neighborhoods near the Mall, particularly with the passage of my bills that are redeveloping both the Southwest and Southeast Waterfront.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HIS EXCELLENCY ILHOM NEMATOV, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of my friend, His Excellency Ilhom Nematov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United States.

Since 2010, His Excellency Nematov has served his country as Uzbekistan’s Ambassador to the United States. Prior to his assignment to the United States, His Excellency Nematov served as Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the Russian Federation. From 1997–