

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 281 I inadvertently voted “yes” when I intended to vote “no.” I support the underlying sugar program contained in the Farm Bill (H.R. 1947) and should have voted “no.”

WELCOME, BABY NOAH ISAAC DELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate former Chief of Staff of the Second District of South Carolina Eric Dell and his wife Torry Lyons Dell, upon the birth of their son. Noah Isaac Dell was brought into the world at 7:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 20½ inches long. Noah is the first child for the happy couple and I look forward to watching him grow as he is raised by two tremendous parents who will be dedicated to his well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Noah’s grandparents, Ouida Dell of Ridgeland, South Carolina, and Joseph and Mary Lyons, of Aiken, South Carolina. Congratulations to the entire Dell and Lyons families as they welcome their newest edition of pure pride and joy.

I am grateful for Eric Dell’s service in the Washington office and also with my service in the State Senate of South Carolina.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INVESTITURE OF PRESIDING JUDGE HERBERT E. PHIPPS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to a great friend and servant of humankind, Presiding Judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia, Herbert E. Phipps. Judge Phipps will be recognized for his distinguished service and become formally invested as the 28th Chief Judge of the Court on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the State Judicial Building in Atlanta, Georgia.

Judge Phipps was born in Baker County, Georgia to J.W. Phipps and Marion Gadson Phipps. Attending elementary and secondary school in Baker County and graduating from Morehouse College in 1964 with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, Judge Phipps traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and taught English at Thammasatt University and private schools in Bangkok, Thailand. In 1971, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law

and in 2004, he was awarded a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 1971, Judge Phipps returned to Albany, Georgia to practice law with famed civil rights attorney C.B. King, focusing on civil rights litigation and pursuing equal opportunity and justice for those who had been wronged on the basis of discrimination. Attorney C.B. King, for whom the Federal Courthouse in Albany is named, was not only a mentor to Judge Phipps and to me, but to countless other civil rights attorneys across the Nation. A successful attorney, strong civil rights leader, and one of the first African Americans to run for Governor of the State of Georgia, Attorney King paved the way for other African Americans such as Judge Phipps and me to serve in the elected positions we hold today. He was a bridge builder and the fruits of his labor are still seen all across our State and Nation.

Following his time with Attorney King, Judge Phipps practiced law on his own and was appointed part-time Magistrate and Associate Judge of the Dougherty County State Court in 1980. In 1995, he was appointed Judge of the Dougherty County Superior Court by Governor Zell Miller, becoming the first African-American Superior Court judge in the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, and in 1999, Governor Roy Barnes appointed him to the Court of Appeals of Georgia. Since being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Judge Phipps has been reelected statewide for three consecutive six-year terms. In April 2010, Judge Phipps became Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals and today he will assume the position of Chief Judge.

Judge Phipps’ diligent work in the community has reflected his commitment to volunteer service. In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Judge Phipps has served on a number of boards and commissions, has been involved with many legal and professional organizations, and has received many awards for his service. He also lives a life of faith and is a longtime member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Albany.

None of Judge Phipps’ momentous accomplishments would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his wife Connie, children Herbert and India, son-in-law Will J. Epps and granddaughter Zoë Olivia Epps.

A true Georgian devoted to serving his great State, Judge Phipps embodies Georgia’s state motto, “Wisdom, Justice and Moderation.” I know that Judge Phipps will continue to serve our state with great honor and distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Herbert E. Phipps for his outstanding professional achievements and dedicated service to the people of the State of Georgia as he assumes the prestigious title of Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia.

HONORING AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN OUR COMMUNITY: MICHELE IANNELLO-WARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Michele Iannello-Ward, an out-

standing woman in our community who has had an incredibly successful career leading and taking part in many organizations for the betterment of the Western New York region.

Michele grew up in Tonawanda and graduated from Kenmore West Senior High School. She then went on to achieve great success academically as she completed her undergraduate degree, became a Certified Paralegal and a graduate of the New York State Association of Counties—Dennis Pelletier Institute.

She has dedicated many years of service to the community where she started as a two-year Trustee in the Village of Kenmore. She was then elected to the Erie County Legislator in 2006 where she had many accomplishments over her two terms.

As Legislator, Michele chaired the Community Enrichment Committee and the Green Actions Community Committee and was also a member of both the Energy and Environment and Public Safety Committees. She has made an unmatched commitment to the public and created the first and only community wide focus group with citizens, business owners and non-profit activist to assist individuals or groups with their needs within their district.

Michele was also the first elected official to support the efforts of the Clean Air Coalition where she worked hand-in-hand with the founder against Tonawanda Coke that eventually led to a successful guilty verdict.

Michele is also an active member in a number of many other organizations where her leadership has undoubtedly left a positive and long-standing impression on anyone involved. She is a member of NYS Women Inc., the Kenmore Village Improvement Society and the Romulus Women’s Club. As part of the Romulus Women’s Club, Michele has even chaired two major charity events to help raise money for cancer research and Loaves and Fishes.

A strong proponent and advocate of women’s rights, Michele was honored by the YWCA of the Tonawandas with the Marybeth Lawton Leadership Award in 2009.

There is no doubt how lucky our community has been to have her, and how appreciative we remain that she still has an influence through her work as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister of the St. John the Baptist Church in Kenmore.

It is with great pride that I stand today to recognize the achievements of Michele Iannello-Ward, an incredibly dedicated and outstanding woman in our community.

IN HONOR OF EDWIN FALTER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Mr. Edwin Falter. Mr. Falter is a man who has dedicated 33 years of his life to public service.

Mr. Falter’s career encompasses more than three decades of work as an engineer. He began working in the Philadelphia Naval Yard on June 9th, 1980. During his time there, he worked on power generation and electrical power equipment. In 1991, Mr. Falter began working at the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) in Moorestown, NJ. He

oversaw contractors working on the AEGIS combat system, focusing on evaluation of the contractors' efforts and development of the AEGIS program.

After more than a decade at the DCMA, Mr. Falter moved on to AEGIS Technical Representative. There he continued his work on the AEGIS combat system, designing and implementing Command & Control, AEGIS Display Systems, Mission Planner, and AEGIS Computing Infrastructure. His efforts improved the performance of cruisers and destroyers in the US Navy, saving lives and enabling American sailors to do their jobs more effectively. Mr. Falter's service to his country and technical skill as an engineer are traits to be commended. During his years working for the US Navy, Mr. Falter contributed to countless projects that have gone on to protect American lives.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the First District of New Jersey, I want to thank Mr. Edwin Falter for his years of dedicated service. I stand with the people of New Jersey and the nation in applauding Mr. Falter for his work.

CELEBRATING THE NEW ABC FAMILY TELEVISION DRAMA—THE FOSTERS

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate the new ABC Family television drama—The Fosters. In its inaugural season, the new show highlights the strength, resiliency, and tenacity of foster youth and families in a compelling format.

Throughout the United States, over 408,000 children have been removed from their families and currently live in foster care. Over 107,000 youth are eligible for and are awaiting adoption. Additionally, more than 27,900 youth "age out" of foster care without a legal permanent connection to an adult or family. The primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child.

The Fosters television series brings these statistics and facts to life by providing millions of people throughout the country with a powerful glimpse into the challenging reality facing foster families. By courageously depicting difficult topics like domestic violence, family separation, school instability, and mental health diagnoses, The Fosters creators help to inform the American public about the difficulties and repercussions of child abuse, neglect, and trauma.

At the same time, the show artfully portrays the love, courage, and dedication of the broad foster care community, including foster youth and parents, child welfare caseworkers and staff, biological families, and community volunteers. The Fosters series helps to highlight the simple fact that loving families help children thrive. The show has the potential to inspire people throughout the country to become foster parents, adoptive parents, mentors, advocates, and volunteers.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I commend creators

Bradley Bredeweg and Peter Paige, Executive Producers Jennifer Lopez, Joanna Johnson, Elaine Goldsmith Thomas, Benny Medina and Greg Gugliotta, as well as the entire cast, crew, and production team for their dedication to creating a better future for our Nation's foster youth and families.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JULIUS CIACCIA OF CLEVELAND, OH, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Mr. Julius Ciaccia, Executive Director of Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on his election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Ciaccia is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward who plays a prominent role in the water industry, exemplifying what it means to be a public servant. He is ideally suited to serve as President of one of the Nation's leading proponents of responsible policies that advance clean water. Mr. Ciaccia has served the people of the Cleveland area for decades, and in his new role, will continue to ensure that Ohio's, and the Nation's clean water agencies continue to improve to protect public health and the environment.

Mr. Ciaccia began his career in public utilities in 1977 when he was appointed as Assistant Director of the Public Utilities Department for the City of Cleveland. In 1979 he took on the temporary role of Commissioner of Cleveland Water until 1981 when he assumed the role of Deputy Commissioner of Cleveland Water and eventually appointed Commissioner in 1988.

During the 25 years in the Division of Water, Mr. Ciaccia oversaw the management of over \$1 billion worth of capital improvement projects and maintained the Division of Water's very favorable financial position. He was appointed Director of the city's Department of Public Utilities in 2004 and began his current role at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in November 2007.

In his current role at the District, he oversees all aspects of managing one of the nation's largest wastewater management utilities. Under his leadership, the District has received two awards from the Commission on Economic Inclusion including a 2009 award for Supplier Diversity which highlights the success of one of Mr. Ciaccia's initiatives to craft and implement a supplier inclusion program; and a 2012 award for Senior Management Inclusion, recognizing diversity of Senior Staff.

As the District's Executive Director, Mr. Ciaccia was also responsible for the recently entered consent order for a long term control plan to significantly reduce combined sewer overflows, as well as the successful development and implementation of a new Regional Stormwater Management Program. Additionally, one of Mr. Ciaccia's many accomplishments as Executive Director has been the transformation of the District's culture to one of transparency and ethical financial practices.

As member of NACWA's Board of Directors, Mr. Ciaccia has served as the Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President. Mr. Ciaccia has selflessly shared his time, passion, energy and ideas to carry out the objectives of the Clean Water Act.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Julius Ciaccia on becoming President of NACWA. I am certain his actions will ensure continued water quality progress for the Cleveland area, the State of Ohio and the Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF MR. JOSEPH DISPENZA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the war record and accomplishments of a local military hero, Mr. Joseph Dispenza, who recently turned 92.

A resident of Cheektowaga for the vast majority of his life, Joseph Dispenza was born in Buffalo and enlisted into active service November 6, 1942. He was just 21 years of age when he became the tail gunner in the Army Air Force for a B-24 D Liberator, "Blessed Event."

This plane was shot down in battle by Japanese fighters over the Pacific on New Year's Day 1944, with a hole blown into the "Blessed Event" the size of a bathtub. Two of Joseph's ten comrades were killed. The other eight were shot from shrapnel, including Joseph. Protecting his compatriots, Joseph was courageously still able to shoot down an enemy plane before his own plane crash-landed with only one wheel remaining. The crew's chances for survival were so low that the army sent a telegram to Joseph's parents on Buffalo's West Side reporting their son's death.

Humble and quietly brave, over the next 64 years, Joseph told his incredible survival story to no one, until he saw an old issue of Look magazine which had reported the events. Joseph never even applied for his medals; his family did so for him.

Joseph deservedly was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, among other medals, though only received them recently, and this great Buffalonian, this great American, does not even see himself as a hero, deferring the label to his fallen brethren in arms.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor one of America's great defenders, who put his life and liberty on the line to protect our freedoms here at home. Joseph represents the best of American courage, humility, and strength, and with the recent celebration of Memorial Day, I am thankful for his nearly three years of service in World War II, from which he was honorably discharged, and his service for all Americans.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ACDI/VOCA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate ACDI/VOCA on