

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 269, I was unable to vote.

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

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND DOUGLAS JONES AT WELCOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Douglas Jones of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, as the congregation and the broader community celebrate his Twenty-fifth Pastoral Anniversary.

Throughout his tenure as the spiritual leader of the congregation at Welcome, Reverend Jones has approached his responsibilities with thoughtfulness and resolve for all of his congregation's members. From the very beginning of his tenure in 1989, Reverend Jones has focused on his congregation's future and in one of his first acts, took steps that allowed the church members to pay off Welcome's mortgage within his first three years. He also been keenly focused on the needs of Welcome's younger members and has established a number of ministries centered on catering to their needs. Furthermore, he has given special attention to members of his congregation facing moments of crisis in their lives—creating ministries that assist members with health and family emergencies.

The results of Reverend Jones' dedication are witnessed in the spiritual prosperity of the congregation at Welcome, which has grown both in membership from several hundred to more than four thousand, and in the deepening connection of its members to their faith.

In addition to the remarkable impact Reverend Jones has made at Welcome, he has engaged in endeavors that have affected the entire Pontiac community. As the founder of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition, Reverend Jones brought together stakeholders from across the different sectors of Pontiac to make positive changes in their community. Additionally, Reverend Jones is active in many other community organizations in Pontiac and beyond, including Pontiac Youth Assistance and Pontiac's Committee of 50, a gathering of community decision-makers that drives philanthropic efforts within the city. Reverend Jones' work also includes the establishment of a scholarship fund to help youth realize their dreams of higher education and programs that support youth during their primary education.

Because of Reverend Jones' leadership and endeavors at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and within the Pontiac community, many residents have received support at critical moments in their lives and have seen the

bonds within their neighborhoods strengthened. I know the congregation at Welcome must be proud of all Pastor Jones' accomplishments over his twenty-five year tenure as their spiritual leader. I am grateful for Reverend Jones' friendship and his leadership on many issues of importance to the Pontiac community and the Greater Detroit region. I wish Reverend Jones, First Lady JoAnn and their family continued happiness and success as they continue to serve their neighbors in Pontiac and the Greater Detroit community.

HONORING DOMINIC CECERE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, competitive sports allow youth to test their skills, while learning the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship. Dominic Cecere has spent 50 years coaching baseball at Eastchester High School. His joy for teaching and love of the game has inspired generations of youth.

Current and former athletes say he inspired them to give the game their all, which shows in the school's winning streak. Thanks to Dom's leadership, the Eastchester Eagles have won 15 league titles, six sectional titles and a regional championship. He has also traveled with players to Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Cuba.

A former rookie player for the New York Yankees, Dom also worked as a professional talent scout for the Cincinnati Reds, the Montreal Expos, and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Dom started coaching the Eastchester varsity baseball team in 1965. He was captain of the Varsity Baseball team at New York University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. He later earned a degree in Administration and a Master of Science in Physical Education from the University of Bridgeport.

Westchester County has recognized him as their coach of the year eight times and the New York Daily News has named him "New Coach of the Year" twice. Dom has also been honored by the New York State Coaches' Associations Award and the National H.S. Coaches Associations.

Dom was inducted into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, the Eastchester Hall of Fame in 2006, and now the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame.

A number of his former students have gone on to coach baseball too. They will be among those honoring Dom at the inaugural Dom Cecere tournament, which raises money for graduating seniors going to college.

I am pleased to honor Dominic Cecere for his contributions to Eastchester High School, as well as to America's great pastime. I am hopeful he will inspire another generation of young players.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LIFE-LONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE (LIFE) ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reintroduce the Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise (LIFE) Act, authorizing a national initiative to attack a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are now found in Americans of every age, race, and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no other single disease or condition. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is to reduce overweight and obesity. The bill would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar.

Despite rising consciousness of this epidemic, from television shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "Extreme Weight Loss" to a steady stream of diet books, the United States has startling rates of obesity among adults and children. In 2010, the CDC National Center for Health Statistics indicated that, since 1980, the percentage of children who are overweight has more than doubled, and the percentage of adolescents has tripled. Today, the 13 million overweight children have an 80 percent chance of being overweight adults, with the health conditions that follow, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer. The CDC reports that Type 2 diabetes, considered an adult disease, is now widespread in children. The rising costs of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflect the epidemic. The consequences for children will follow them throughout their lives if we do not act quickly and decisively. If we are serious about controlling health care costs, we must start where the most serious health conditions begin: overweight and obesity.

The bill seeks to provide the first national strategy to combat the epidemic by directing the CDC to: train health professionals to recognize the signs of obesity early and to educate people concerning healthy lifestyles, such as proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies to be used in everyday life, such as in the workplace and in community settings. The legislation is the minimum necessary to address our most important health crisis. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S. and 60 percent of U.S. health care costs. According to the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity, the cost of obesity in the U.S. was more than \$117 billion in 2000. The CDC has highlighted a study that estimates the annual cost to be \$147 billion. It is estimated that between 300,000 and 400,000 deaths per year are related to obesity.

A focused national health initiative is necessary because unhealthy lifestyles have become a normal part of everyday life. Participation in high school physical education classes dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 33 percent in 2005. Changes in nutrition are equally critical because 60 percent of young people consume too much fat, a factor in the doubling of the percentage of overweight youth. Data show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation to mobilize the country now, before entirely preventable health conditions, which often begin in childhood, overwhelm the Nation's health care system.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
BENJAMIN F. MARSH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Benjamin F. Marsh, who passed from this life at the age of 87 years. Ben was a respected attorney and longtime solicitor for the City of Maumee, Ohio. A proud patriot, Ben Marsh's life was one of service to others.

Born in Sylvania, Ohio, Ben served our nation during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy. After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University, he attended George Washington Law School. While at George Washington, Ben worked in federal service for the Atomic Energy Commission. Upon earning his law degree he first went to Columbus, Ohio and then returned to Northwest Ohio to practice law.

Early in Ben's law career his services were retained by local government. In 1963 he became the Maumee solicitor. Always committed to public service, Ben decided to run for Congress in 1968, though he was not successful against the incumbent. Ben went on to admirably and ably chair his county party for many years. With a compassionate world view, Ben was named a U.S. Representative to the 1972 general conference of UNESCO. He later served on the U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Not one to let retirement end his public service, Ben remained an active and engaged citizen. In 1997 Ben was asked by the State Department to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina to help oversee local elections. He served on the Ohio Elections Commission and was a co-chairman in 2007 of a study committee on Lucas County governance. He also briefly served on the Lucas County Board of Elections.

Perhaps Ben's greatest legacy is his family. He and his wife Martha were married for 62 years and together raised a son and daughter. They shared in the joy of their five grandchildren. We know that Ben's family will find comfort in memory and the gift of his life.

Ben Marsh was an outstanding citizen, keen intellect, accomplished lawyer, and a devoted patriot at home and abroad. He embodied the meaning of the words "enlightened citizen." His kind nature and sense of humor made him a bridge builder at every level he served. Our

community has been bettered by his lifelong dedication to it. Personally, I am grateful for his advice and counsel so selflessly rendered.

HONORING NAPA VALLEY
HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association (NVHA) for 75 years of service to the Napa community. Throughout its history, NVHA has provided education and training about horses, offered scholarships for local students, and participated in community service projects, which is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

NVHA was founded in Napa, California, in 1939 to promote interest in horses as a hobby and recreational activity. The Association has grown from its original 61 members to almost 300 members and is the oldest horsemen's association in California today.

Outside of horse shows and educational clinics, NVHA has never ceased to serve the Napa community. After a flood damaged the community in 1940, NVHA members helped to repair the Napa Fairgrounds. NVHA also hosts fundraising events to help local charities. They recently helped Ag 4 Youth, an animal husbandry program for at-risk youth, by providing land where these kids can raise their animals. In addition to helping the community, NVHA provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will study veterinary science, agriculture, or forestry after high school.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank NVHA not only for their commitment to equestrianism, but for their commitment to our community. NVHA's unyielding dedication to educating the community and providing community services is greatly appreciated by the Napa community and we wish them further success as an already distinguished organization.

CONGRATULATING THE DECATUR
COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Decatur County Family YMCA on its 100th anniversary.

Across the country, YMCAs provide an invaluable service promoting youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. These facilities serve 21 million Americans nationwide by offering a variety of programs, such as affordable preschool, youth sports and fitness, Bible studies, and summer camps, which are just a few of the many services and activities routinely offered. Countless individuals have benefited from the positive change the local YMCA has brought to their lives and communities.

The Decatur County Family YMCA has served the people of Greensburg since its in-

corporation in 1914. It is one of the oldest non-profit agencies in southeastern Indiana. This cornerstone of the community has been an asset for the greater Greensburg area and has provided residents with unique programs, classes and resources that many would not have had access to in its absence. As a young student, I attended the Greensburg YMCA gym regularly.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Decatur County Family YMCA on its 100th anniversary. I have no doubt that this extraordinary institution will be serving families in southeastern Indiana for many more years to come.

HONORING LLOYD GEORGE
BURNETT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, immigrants from around the world have come to our shores in order to seek new opportunities. Like so many others, Lloyd George Burnett has found the American dream. He has also worked hard to serve and enrich the community in which he lives.

Lloyd immigrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1969, where he lived in Connecticut for two years before moving to the Bronx. Lloyd quickly established himself professionally in his new homeland. In just four years after moving to America, Lloyd rose to become the chief mechanic for the Professional Linen Corp., where his responsibilities included managing the company's fleet of vans and trucks. But he had set even higher goals for himself.

After working for several years as a mechanic, Lloyd finally achieved his dream of becoming an entrepreneur, opening Lloyd's Auto Repair in 1981. It was not an easy start for Lloyd. He started his shop with only two bays, then he did something very brave, but also very risky: he invested all of his savings into his fledgling business, after the banks refused to lend to him. This proved to be a very savvy move. Lloyd's Auto Repair first opened its doors some 32 years ago, and continues to serve customers in the tristate region.

Lloyd has generously shared his knowledge with other aspiring small business owners. He lent his expertise to help Henry Carter, Radcliff Simpson, and Dahkia Thompson secure a location for a business they recently opened on Sandford Blvd., in Mount Vernon.

Not only should Lloyd be recognized as an example of a small business owner, but for being a good neighbor who is always looking for ways to make a positive impact to his community. Lloyd has long been a strong supporter of the All Islands Association, a local Caribbean-American civic organization, as well as other civic groups in his community. Lloyd is the proud father of Tony, Robin and Lloyd Jr. He has also been blessed with five wonderful grandchildren. Jewel, T.J., Kyla, Triston, and Tyler.

Lloyd George Burnett has clearly worked hard to achieve his dreams, as well as lend his talents to his community. His tenacity, leadership and service to the community is truly commendable.