

as a Board Member and President. He was a long time member of Rotary and the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando.

Everyone who met or knew Woody Woodman was impressed with his demeanor, wit and wonderful personality. His wise counsel to me helped launch my successful professional, business and political career. Woody will truly be missed by all whose lives he touched. While a devoted Alabama fan, Woody's wife of 37 years, Susan, helped him better appreciate the Florida Gators.

Thank you again Victor "Woody" Woodman for wonderful memories of a wonderful life. To Susan, Doug, Melissa and family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me as I pay tribute to this special friend, community leader and great American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 16, Thursday, September 17, and Friday, September 18, 2015, I was unable to be present for recorded votes for medical reasons related to my ongoing recovery from two hip surgeries. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Yes on roll call vote No. 495 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1214, as amended),

Yes on roll call vote No. 496 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1949, as amended),

No on roll call vote No. 497 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 420),

No on roll call vote No. 498 (on agreeing to the Collins Amendment to H. Res. 420 to waive clause 6(a) of Rule XIII of the House Rules with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of September 24, 2015 or September 25, 2015),

No on roll call vote No. 499 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 420, as amended),

Yes on roll call vote No. 500 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 758, with instructions),

No on roll call vote No. 501 (on passage of H.R. 758),

No on roll call vote No. 502 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 421),

No on roll call vote No. 503 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 421),

Yes on roll call vote No. 504 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3134, with instructions),

No on roll call vote No. 505 (on passage of H.R. 3134),

No on roll call vote No. 506 (on passage of H.R. 3504).

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST ISIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues of the actions Turkey, a

longstanding NATO ally, is taking in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), which has proven to be one of the greatest security challenges of our lifetime.

In 2013, Turkey designated ISIS and all offshoots of al Qaeda as terrorist organizations, including the al Nusra Front. The dangers Turkey faces have most recently been exemplified by the attack on Suruc on July 20, 2015, in which 32 people tragically lost their lives. Just a few days later, ISIS assaulted a border military post in which a Turkish soldier was killed. It is disheartening to see that the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) terrorist organization has taken ISIS attacks against Turkey as an opportunity to restart its terrorist campaign against civilians and officials.

Facing these threats, Turkey has become an even more active coalition partner against ISIS. Recently, Turkey opened its military base in Incirlik for manned and unmanned coalition air operations, and has also deployed its own aircraft for air strikes against ISIS targets in Syria. This cooperation has allowed our countries to more effectively combat the threat of ISIS.

Mr. Speaker, I condemn the terrorist actions of ISIS and commend our ally for their furthered commitment in the fight against this terrorist organization. As a former President for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), I have worked closely with my Turkish counterparts, and know that the international effort has been bolstered by the steps Turkey has taken. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these tremendous efforts by our ally, as we both move forward to combat the threat of ISIS.

HONORING JENNIFER TERRA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Jennifer Terra a physical education and diversity advocate, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Jennifer Terra was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Jennifer Terra is a Physical Education instructor at Emerson Jr. High school in Davis who has been organizing Diversity training as part of the Peer Helping program for 24 years. Jennifer brings together junior high students and guest speakers who have suffered from discrimination, stereotyping, and bullying. The goal is to break down barriers between students and make them more aware of what they say and do and how their words and actions affect the people around them. The day-long trainings take place several times throughout the year and are open to any student who wishes to participate. Topics cover a wide range of disabling conditions, sexual orientation, race, religion, and culture.

Whereas, Jennifer's Peer Helping program pairs an older student with each incoming 7th grader who monitors them periodically throughout the year and serves as a mentor. Peer Helper's give Prevention presentations to the 7th graders on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana

and stress management. This builds trust and role modeling on how to treat themselves and one another with respect.

Whereas, in Jennifer's P.E. classes, she establishes a learning environment at the beginning of each year before any physical education takes place. Her emphasis is on the principles of teamwork as a critical life skill to be utilized well beyond the basketball court. Jennifer's commitment to the nurturing of caring, young people who will in turn grow into a caring community are a reflection of her deep character and hope for a strong bright future.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Jennifer Terra.

HONORING SHEILA ALLEN

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheila Allen of Whitewater, Missouri for the selfless and caring attitude that she has shown through her volunteer work. A homecoming event will be held in her honor on September 26, 2015 in St. Louis to celebrate her new role as the State President for the Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for 2015-2016.

As State President, Sheila volunteers her time to aid the veterans of our nation and convey patriotic education to others. The Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is an organization over 100 years old and works to better our community by serving active-duty military personnel and their families.

It is my pleasure to recognize Sheila for her efforts and service before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO ELAINE BOHLING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elaine Bohling, of Greenfield, Iowa, for being selected as Iowan of the Day at the 2015 Iowa State Fair.

Since 1997, ten nominees each year are named Iowan of the Day, receiving a special day of recognition at the Fair. The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation looks for individuals across the state who personify the greatness of Iowa by displaying strong work ethic, loyalty to helping others, and an exceptional sense of Iowa pride, all things easily seen in Elaine.

Elaine Bohling is known as an advocate for youth and an eager volunteer. She volunteers with Living History Farms, Iowa Machine Shed Thanksgiving Dinner, Legion Auxiliary, Des Moines Playhouse, Friends of the Library, 4-H and many more organizations. One of her favorites, though, is the Iowa State Fair, where you can find her working with the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Iowa Egg Council, Iowa Tourism, and Keep Iowa Beautiful.

Mr. Speaker, Elaine's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Elaine for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO H.R.
3504 AND H.R. 3134

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I want to register my deep concerns with a pair of bills, H.R. 3504 and H.R. 3134, that were considered by the House last week. Although I was unable to be present to vote against these measures due to a medical appointment related to my recovery from two recent hip surgeries, I remain steadfastly opposed to both bills.

I am a strong supporter of increasing access to family planning and women's healthcare services. H.R. 3134, passed in the House last week by a vote of 241–187, prohibits the federal government from funding Planned Parenthood health centers for one year. This legislation is nothing more than a punitive and intrusive attack on the essential and wide-ranging healthcare services that Planned Parenthood provides. If this bill was signed into law, it would cut off essential health services for millions of women, men, and families across the United States.

Planned Parenthood serves a total of 2.7 million patients per year. It is a central provider of equitable access to healthcare for both men and women of underserved communities across the United States. One in five American women will use Planned Parenthood services at some time during her life. In Washington State, more than 103,000 women and men—nearly 65 percent of whom are at or below the poverty line—use Planned Parenthood for their family planning and basic health needs. If this legislation succeeds, millions of Americans will be stripped of this access.

Anti-choice rhetoric and controversy has surrounded federal funding for Planned Parenthood because about three percent of the services they provide include abortion services. Current law already denies Medicaid coverage for these services by almost completely barring federal funding, except in very limited circumstances. Ninety percent of the services Planned Parenthood provides are preventative health services, including lifesaving cancer screenings, blood pressure checks, birth control, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and educational efforts to avoid unwanted pregnancies and prevent abortions. Failing to fund Planned Parenthood will greatly diminish access to these services for low income women, men, and families in need of affordable healthcare and preventative screenings.

H.R. 3504 was also passed in the House last week. This bill legislation attempts to advance the anti-choice, anti-health agenda by interfering with important and difficult medical judgments that should be left up to health professionals. If enacted into law, this bill would

apply scare tactics like onerous criminal penalties on doctors and clinicians. These penalties are punitive and will intimidate women away from seeking safe, legal, standardized, evidence-based care. This legislation is not a restatement of current “born-alive” law which contained language assuring no interference in a women's right to terminate a pregnancy. Instead, this bill takes that assurance away from women. This effort signifies the latest attempt by extreme Republicans to limit women's access to safe, legal abortions. I strongly oppose this legislation that politicizes women's health and interferes in the doctor-patient relationship.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with women across the United States to defend their access to comprehensive reproductive health options, and commend Planned Parenthood for leading in this effort.

SGT. ALVIN C. YORK—WWI
AMERICAN SOLDIER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Sergeant York is one of the most decorated American heroes of the 20th century. A Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, he is best remembered for his role in a battalion to capture German positions during an attack in 1918 in the Chatel-Chehery region of France on the war's Western Front. A German machine gun fire attack resulted in the loss of numerous Americans, leaving York in charge of the seven remaining soldiers. Leaving his men under cover, Sergeant York ventured out to silence the enemy fire.

As he describes in his diary:

Those machine guns were spitting fire and cutting down the undergrowth all around me something awful. There were over thirty of them in continuous action, and all I could do was touch the Germans off just as fast as I could. I was sharp shooting . . . All the time I kept yelling at them to come down. I didn't want to kill any more than I had to. But it was they or I. And I was giving them the best I had.

York's courageous assault resulted in 20 enemy casualties and 132 captures. The young soldier was immediately promoted and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Later, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. The citation describes his deeds as “fearless”, “daring” and “heroic”.

But while the description is fair, in many ways York's story is not just one of the battlefield and it is worth reflecting on York the man, not the myth.

A person of deep Christian faith, Sergeant York was converted—or as he put it “saved”—in his late teens by the Reverend M. H. Russell, known in Tennessee as the “evangelist of the mountains”.

While in his youth he admits to being inclined to sin, since joining the Church of Christ in Christian Union, York found more righteous pursuits, teaching children scripture and singing in the choir.

“I am a good deal like Paul,” York wrote in his diary. “The things I loved, I now hate.”

When, in 1917, the United States heard the call of its allies and joined the war effort, the

young churchgoer and singer received a note requiring him to report to his local board.

Despite rising to be a military hero, York was unsure whether the war was just, torn between the pacifism of his faith and patriotism for his country.

“I was bothered a plenty as to whether it was right or wrong,” he wrote. “I knew that if it was right, everything would be all right.”

“And I also knew that if it was wrong and we were only fighting for a bunch of foreigners, it would all be wrong. And I prayed and prayed. I prayed two whole days and a night out on the mountainside. And I received my assurance direct from God . . . that it was all right, and that I was coming back.”

Well Sergeant York did come back and the people of Tennessee should be very pleased.

Following the war, York returned to the region of his boyhood in the Wolf River valley of Tennessee and committed himself to public service. A national figure upon his return, he turned down offers for endorsements, public appearances and even the movie rights to his life, instead turning attention to the needs of his local community.

He lobbied the Tennessee State Legislature for funds for education and infrastructure and in 1926 established a school in Fentress County, which still stands today.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Sergeant York responded simply: “For improving education in Tennessee”.

We remember him for much more than that today—for his patriotic service of his nation and God.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING JANE JOHNSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Jane Johnson a community organizer and mental health advocate, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Jane Johnson was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Jane Johnson has been working in the nonprofit field in Solana County for 30 years. Originally from San Mateo County, Jane was part of the team that moved Marine World Africa USA from Redwood City to Vallejo, CA in 1985. Her passion for educating children about our world's wildlife continues but has taken a bit of a back seat to providing services to at-risk children in Solano County.

Whereas, in 1989, Jane left Marine World to join the Girl Scouts. Under her tenure as CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Napa-Solano, the local organization was recognized nationally for its service to girls in underserved communities. Outreach programs focusing on self-esteem, empowerment, and job skills grew to include services in every low-income housing project in both Napa and Solano counties, juvenile hall sites in both counties, teen parenting programs, and a battered women's shelter.

Whereas, Jane currently provides leadership as the Executive Director to Solano County's