

enacted initiatives to modernize our energy infrastructure and increase our energy efficiency capacity.

Furthermore, H.R. 8 includes unnecessary provisions that would expand FERC's authority to approve natural gas pipeline applications within 90 days—effectively stifling public comment opportunities, regardless of the complexity of the pipeline project.

This legislation would provide unnecessary handouts to the fossil fuel industry at a time when we should be focusing on expanding our nation's clean, renewable energy portfolio.

On Roll Call Vote Number 672, I voted 'aye.' It was my intention to vote "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 651 on final passage of S.J. Res. 23, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the EPA's CO₂ rule for new power plants, I would have voted aye, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT MICHAEL FOX

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative KENNEDY to recognize the distinguished career of Police Sergeant Michael Fox on the occasion of his retirement. Sergeant Fox has served in law enforcement for 42 years—35 years of which were spent with the Easton Police Department in Massachusetts.

It was while attending Massasoit Community College and interning at the Brockton Police department that Sergeant Fox first began working at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution—Cedar Junction in Walpole, Massachusetts as the youngest corrections officer in the prison. During his seven years of service there, he interacted with and bore witness to life within prison walls. These experiences imparted on him a desire to serve on the front lines of community protection, and directly assist and mentor the men and women he had met serving in correctional institutions.

In 1974, Sergeant Fox and his wife, Liz, returned to Easton—a picturesque farm town. He became a special police officer in 1978 and, within two years, a full time patrolman. Among his many proud achievements, Sergeant Fox speaks most passionately about his role as one of the first officers in Massachusetts to be part of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. For decades, he has educated students and the youth in his community about the reality and dangers of drug abuse, encouraging them to make responsible and informed decisions. As testament to this dedication, Sergeant Fox became part of the team that trained new D.A.R.E. officers across more than 10 states, and served as the president of Massachusetts' D.A.R.E. Officers Association.

Over the years, Sergeant Fox's hard work, commitment, and positive demeanor earned him the title of Detective. Through it all, despite the tenuous and at times saddening cases that crossed his desk, Sergeant Fox remained a dedicated officer who is revered and respected by all in the Easton Police Department and the Town.

Mr. Speaker, it brings us great pride to recognize the retirement of Sergeant Michael Fox. While we are sure that his colleagues at the Easton Police Department will miss him dearly, we wish him nothing but the very best in his future plans. We ask that our colleagues join us in thanking Sergeant Fox for over four decades of service and the tremendous ways in which he has benefited and served our community.

HONORING MR. ROBERT YOUNG

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Joseph Young of New Jersey's Third Congressional District, and to express my deepest appreciation to him and his family.

Mr. Young served our country in the United States Navy. He defended our freedom in Okinawa and the Philippines during World War II. His service to our nation secures his spot as a member of our country's Greatest Generation.

Mr. Young was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, a WWII Victory Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and a Certificate of Recognition for serving the United States during the Cold War.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously grateful for Mr. Robert Joseph Young's service to our nation. It is my honor to recognize his achievements before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING ONE OF MINNESOTA'S FINEST FAMILIES

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all Minnesotans, and all Americans, who served in World War II, and I would like to recognize the service of one Minnesota family in particular.

In 1885, Carl Nolte moved to Martin County, Minnesota with his wife Louise. They had twelve children and numerous grandchildren.

Many years after the Nolte family first came to Minnesota; an impressive thirty-six members of the family joined the armed forces and served in World War II.

Fortunately, all thirty-six family members survived the war. However, both Earle Nolte, son of Fred Nolte, and Reinhardt Wessel, son of Amanda Nolte Wessel, were wounded during their service.

It is often said that those who served in World War II belong to the "Greatest Generation." I believe that the heroism and the dedication that this family demonstrated prove this to be true.

I would like to thank this family for their service to our nation and I would also like to wish one of them a very happy birthday. This week, Loren Wessel of Truman, Minnesota, turned ninety-six years old. Happy Birthday Loren.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE LATE NAUSEAD LYVELLE STEWART, ESQ

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an extraordinary public servant, the late Nausead Lyvelle Stewart.

Nausead was born August 15, 1931 in Starkville, Mississippi to Tommy James Stewart and Rosa Rogers Stewart. Upon graduation from Oktibbeha County Training High School, she chose to attend Tougaloo College where she graduated with honors in History and Home Economics. Afterwards, she taught high school history for thirteen years in West Point, Mississippi, while acquiring her M.A. degree from Atlanta University.

Nausead entered the University of Mississippi School Of Law in 1967 and graduated with honors in May, 1970, where she was the first African American law student to serve on the law journal. In law school, she roomed with Constance Slaughter Harvey, who finished the law school a semester earlier, as the first African American female graduate. Nausead contributed immensely to the legal profession and the pursuit of equal justice for all.

Upon graduation, she, along with her classmate Geraldine Harrington Carnes, was hired by the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee (LCDC) to assist the then director, Armand Derfner and Jim Lewis with civil rights litigation.

A year later, when LCDC closed its Mississippi Office, Nausead was hired to work across the street at Anderson, Banks, Nichols and Leventhal to assist with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) civil rights litigation. That work consisted primarily of dealing with the post desegregation discriminatory practices in teacher and administrator hiring and retention. Nausead played a primary role in litigating several cases to assure the enforcement of the Uniform Singleton Decree. That Decree provided for the utilization of objective non-racial standards in determining which education professionals would be retained should desegregation result in a loss of positions due to duplication. It also provided a first right of refusal for subsequent new openings to any professionals who were not rehired because of such duplication. Additionally, Nausead worked on other successful employment class actions against large employers in our state. A case law query will reveal some of the great work that she did during this era and continuing into the 1980s.

In 1975, Nausead became a partner and the firm name was changed to Anderson, Banks, Nichols and Stewart.

Three years later, Nausead left the firm to assume the position as head of the Jackson Office for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, thus completing the circle of having been a lawyer for the three foremost civil rights legal offices in the 1960s and 70s, the Lawyers Committee, NAACP LDF, and LCDC.

In the 1980s, the Lawyers Committee closed its Jackson Office, whereupon, Nausead joined the Walker and Walker firm in Jackson, headed by John L. Walker and William Walker, Jr. While working there, Nausead handled the firm's appellate work and motion practice and was a mentor for James E. Graves, Jr. and Regina Quinn who also worked there during her tenure. In 1982, Nausead offered her services to the citizens of Hinds County for the County Court Judge position thus becoming the first African American female judicial candidate.

After practicing law with the Walker and Walker firm for several years, Nausead assumed a position with Minact Inc. where she engaged in grant writing and compliance until her retirement.

On July 18, 2000 and during her retirement, Nausead served as a Jackson Civil Service Commissioner after having been appointed by Jackson Mayor Harvey Johnson and served until May 2, 2006.

Nausead took great pride in community services on numerous boards of community organizations and received awards for her work with those organizations. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. which she joined while at Tougaloo College.

Nausead was preceded in death by her aforementioned parents. She is survived by her sister, Doris Anderson; brother, and Thomas J. Stewart, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, on November 10, 2015, we lost a treasure in Nausead. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a diligent advo-

cate, a conscientious worker, and a selfless servant leader whose life was dedicated to the cause of humanity, Nausead Lyvelle Stewart.

RECOGNIZING PARKLAND HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Parkland Health and Hospital System for being named a Top Hospital by the Leapfrog Group in 2015. Based on the Leapfrog Group's annual hospital survey measuring three significant areas of hospital care, Parkland earned honors for the first time as one of 62 top urban hospitals across the country.

Parkland Health and Hospital System opened in 1894 and is now one of the largest public hospital systems in the country. Averaging at one million patient visits annually, Parkland recently expanded to a brand new, state-of-the-art 2.8 million-square-foot campus with 862 single-patient rooms. Constantly growing, Parkland includes a Level I Trauma Center, the second largest civilian burn center in the U.S., a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, 20 community-based clinics, 12 school-based clinics, and numerous outreach and education programs. Parkland is also the primary teaching hospital for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit group that advocates transparency in quality and safety of care in U.S. hospitals. The Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and reports hospital performance so that patients can make informed decisions regarding where they receive care. The survey measures three areas

of hospital care: how patients fare, resource use, and management structures established to prevent errors. Earning this honor means that Parkland has lower infection rates, better health outcomes, decreased length of stay, and fewer hospital readmissions.

Given Parkland's track record, especially their recent transfer of 626 patients from their old facility to the new Parkland Memorial Hospital without incident or interruption in patient care, I believe Parkland deserves to be named a top hospital. The move was conducted on foot via the Mike Myers Sky Bridge that connects the facilities and was planned with precision for months prior. This is just one prime example of Parkland's many contributions to Dallas County.

Congratulations to Parkland on this well-deserved recognition. I am proud to have Parkland in my district and I congratulate the board, clinicians, and staff on this hard-earned honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, on December 2, 2015, during rollcall vote No. 665 on the passage of S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, I was recorded as not voting. Although I was present on the floor at the time, my vote was misreported, and I fully intended to vote 'no' on rollcall vote No. 665. Therefore, I would like to state that I did not support the passage of S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015.